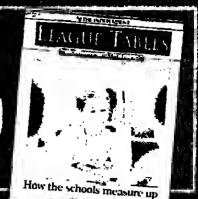
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### Condon set to climb down over 'institutional racism' charge

SIR PAUL CONDON, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is preparing to make a dramatic climb down and admit for the first time that his force is "institutionally racist".

His acceptance of a new definition of "institutional racism" as laid out in the Stepben Lawrence inquiry report will infuriate rank and file police officers but will boost the chances of Britain's most powerful policeman keeping his job.

Until now, Sir Paul, whose career hangs in the balance of Sir William Macpherson's report, has refused to admit that his racist", arguing that the phrase with zeal." suggested, wrongly, that the majority of his officers were prejudiced and the force was deliberately discriminatory.

Crucially the definition of institutional racism chosen by Sir William in his report is expected to refer to "unwitting" prej-

udice and racist stereotyping. The Lawrence report is expected to say that if any chief officer cannot accept the problem of institutionalised racism within the police service they should be sacked. But the new definition will allow Sir Paul to endorse it because it says he will retire."

racism can be "unwitting". of the inquiry's findings, the definition of institutionalised racism will be: "The collective failure of an organisation to provide an appropriate and professional service to people because of their colour, culture

in processes, attitudes and behaviour which amount to discrimination through unwitting prejudice, ignorance, thoughtlessness and racist stereotyping which disadvantages minority ethnic people."

By JASON BENNETTO

state: "There must be an unequivocal acceptance of the problem of institutionalised racism and its nature before it can be addressed."

The report will conclude that there was a "permicious and institutionalised racism" among

Speaking just before it was leaked Sir Paul said: "I hope, pray, anticipate that the judge will say something very significant around institutional force was "institutionally racism, I will embrace that

> about two hours at the Home Office yesterday reading the completed report. Stephen Lawrence's parents, Doreen and Neville, also accepted an invitation to the Home Office to read the report. Sir Paul has insisted that he will not resign unless the report accuses him personally of malpractice or dishonesty. A senior Scotland Yard source said: "He's (Sir Paul) determined to stay. He has no intention of leaving before January 2000 when he has said

A Scotland Yard spokesman According to leaked extracts said Sir Paul expressed his concern at the inquiry that the phrase "institutional racism" could be interpreted "as meaning that most police officers

vide a "new workable definition" that could act as a "rallying "It can be seen or detected point for reform". But some campaigners believe Sir Panl's position is untenable even if be admits to institutionalised

Suresh Grover, the head of

Crime Correspondent

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The Monitoring Group, a west London based anti-racist thority has been so badly



Neville Lawrence (left) arriving at the Home Office in London yesterday to study the Macpherson inquiry report into the murder of his son, Stephen

group, said: "As police commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Paul dug himself into a massive hole when he vehemently refused to admit to in-

stitutional racism. "I can't see how he can remain as head of the Met. His au-

thority yesterday during angry clashes in the Commons when the Home Secretary was attacked for his "autocratic" attempt to ban publication of details of the report before the

fered some damage to his auquiry had been set up to find who leaked parts of the document to a Sunday newspaper.

Shadow Home Secretary Sir Norman Fowler branded his efforts to block publication of the inquiry report "entirely unjusofficial launch on Wednesday. tified and an autocratic course

damaged." Jack Straw also suf- Mr Straw disclosed that an in- of action". Mr Straw is expected to use Wednesday's publication of the Lawrence report as a spring board to announce sweeping reforms to race laws

and police training. Among the changes will be to bring the police under the Race Relations Act, from which

it is currently exempt. This will enable individuals to take officers to court for racist behaviour and makes forces subject to investigation by the Commission for Racial Equal-

There will also be a national recruitment target of seven

per cent of officers from ethnic minorities, and race relations training for all police officers. Public bodies will also be ex-

pected to monitor the employment and promotion of ethnic minority employees. Inquiry ordered, page 2

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### Start preparing for Euro now, says Blair

BY ANDREW GRICE AND DIANE COYLE

TONY BLAIR will today issue the Government's most positive statement yet on the single currency by calling on the private and public sectors to start preparing now for British entry. But the National Change-

over Plan for the euro unveiled in the Prime Minister's House of Commons statement will disappoint businesses looking for a clear lead from the Government on when to start their preparations.

Mr Blair's statement will be seen as the clearest signal yet that Britain will join - but he will reject calls to set a target date. It is therefore likely to anger both the pro- and anti- sides of the business community. Experts believe the Gov-

ernment's own bill for converting from pounds to euros could be in the region of £1bn, based on the cost to the City of its preparations for the launch of the single currency on 1 January this year.

prevent the Government from



Tony Blair: Will not set a date for changeover

spending any public money on converting computer systems to euros before the referendum. A letter circulated to departments explicitly bars spending on computer equipment, staff. pilot projects or consultants ahead of a "yes" vote.

This will frustrate businesses looking for details of how much the Government will spend and when, before they However, Treasury rules are prepared to spend any of

Ruth Lea, head of policy at the eurosceptic Institute of Directors, said: "Nobody should start making any costly adjustments before a referendum." The Changeover Plan will suggest that it would take Britain three years to introduce the single currency if the public votes "Yes" in a referendum shortly after the next general election. Mr Blair has pencilled in a general election for the spring of 2001, followed by a referendum in the antumn. This would mean that the pound would be abolished in 2004.

The length of time the plan allows between a yes vote and membership is a key issue for business, represented on the committee drawing up the plan by the Confederation of British Industry and British Chambers of Commerce.

It is expected to outline a three-year timetable, which is accepted by retailers' and banks' trade associations but not by all businesses. It could prove even harder for government departments like the Inland Revenue to convert within three years.

#### Social services to be targeted by 'hit squads'

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BY COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

MINISTERS WILL today threaten to introduce controversial hit squads to take over social services departments which are failing children and the el-

The measure will form part of a Green Paper to raise standards of social care. Also included will be plans to publish a series of 45 performance tables covering services ranging from child protection to care for the elderly.

"It would need to be primary legislation and we want to introduce a Bill at the earliest possible opportunity," said a ministerial source. The reforms, to be an-

nounced in the Green Paper 'A new approach to social services performance, follow a report last year by Sir William Utting into a series of child abuse cases during the Seventies and Eighties. Haunted by the scandals,

ter Paul Boateng as one of the worst cases he had seen.

for poor social services. The failures have included Labourcontrolled Hackney in east London, where a social worker abused six children in care before he died of Aids, and systematic problems in child care in Labour-controlled Ealing. also in London - described last year by the then health minis-

The Green Paper warns that the Government will seek primary legislation to give it new ministers are determined to wider powers to interveoe tackle continuing anxiety about where necessary to require an the record of local authorities authority to draw up an action

plan for improvement and deliver a specified level of performance by a set deadline; force an authority to accept external management help; and, in the most serious cases, for responsibility to be transferred to another authority or another management team to run the services.

It says: "The Government will work to belp anthorities to tackle poor performance and will act in partnership with the Local Government Association where appropriate. Where there are serious failures, the Government will be prepared to take firm action to secure improvement, including statutory intervention powers which will be exercised when necessary

"The Government will act to protect vulnerable people who are put at risk by poor services and it will ensure that it has the statutory powers at its disposal to do this "

A spokesman for the Labour controlled Local Government Authority said: "The Government is seeking draconian powers. We want to raise standards through co-operation."

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### Straw orders inquiry into leak

JACK STRAW, the Home Sec- By Andrew Grice retary, announced a formal investigation last night into the leak of elements of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry report.

Home Office ministers, their

advisers, and the civil servants who received copies of the report by Sir William Macpherson will be questioned during the inquiry, which will be conducted by David Omand, the Permanent Secretary at the Home Office. Only a small number of copies of Sir William's report into the death of the hlack teenager were made inside the Home Office, and it was not copied to other Whitehall departments. But it was partially leaked to a Sunday

Earlier yesterday Downing Street played down the prospect of a leak inquiry, expressing scepticism that the leaker would be found. But Mr Straw condemned the "breach of trust" involved in the disclosure and told MPs: "We are very serious about tracing this leak."

The Home Secretary clashed with the Tory opposition as he made a Commons statement defending his decision to obtain an injunction against The Sunday Telegraph on Saturday night, which forced the newspaper to drop the report from its later editions.

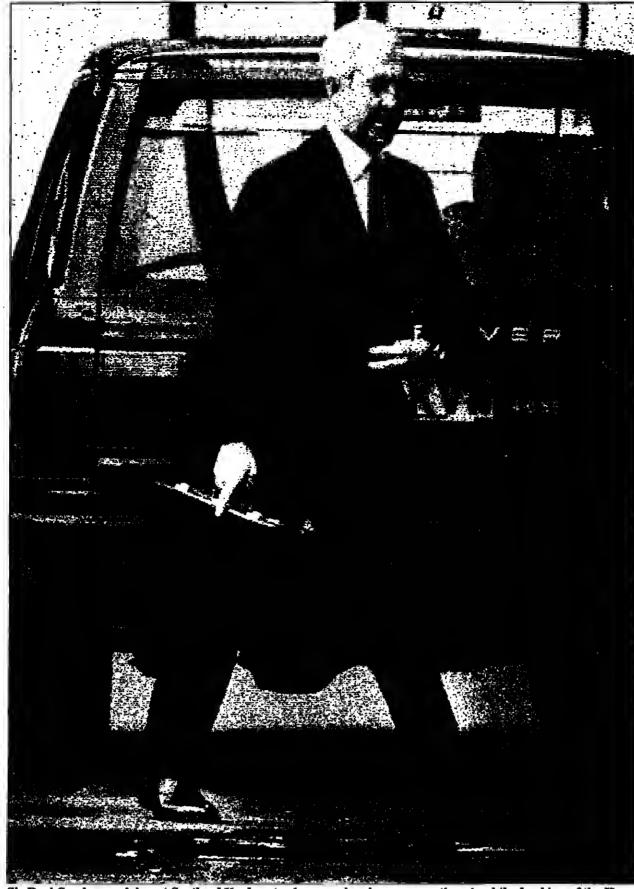
After Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Home Secretary, attacked the legal action, Mr Straw accused him of speaking as "chairman of a newspaper company rather than as a member of this House."

Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, to withdraw his remark and apologise to Sir Norman, who is non-executive chairman of Regional Independent Media Holdings Ltd.

Sir Norman said the unprecedented and "autocratic" injunction was a "shabby exercise that shows this Government at its worst". Dismissing Mr Straw's claim that the Lawrence report should have been disclosed to Parliament, he said: "It is tha Government that is the chief leaker in advance of its own announce-

The Home Secretary said he decided that prior publication of the report was likely to "cause distress to the Lawrence family" and subject the Metropolitan Police and Sir Paul Condon, its Commissioner, to wholly unfair speculation to which they could not respond. In a hint that he will back Sir Paul's fight to avoid resigning over the report, Mr Straw praised Sir Paul and his force for their "very fine work over the years".

He said: "The claims that the freedom of the press has been challenged by this injunction are absurd." He disclosed that the BBC telephoned a Home Office press officer, claiming that The Sunday Telegraph had obtained a copy of the full Lawrence report. A Home Office source said: "We thought they were going to run a ten



Sir Paul Condon, arriving at Scotland Yard yesterday morning, has apparently gained the backing of the Home Secretary against calls for his resignation over the Stephen Lawrence report Geoff Caddick

### Two big words that lie at heart of case

TWO WORDS lie at the heart of BY KIM SENGUPTA the acrimony over the Lawrence inquiry report: institu-tional racism. This is the "corrosive disease" that is said to have poisoned the relationship between the police and Britain's ethnic minorities. The vexed question of how these words are interpreted, how they translate into police attitudes on the streets, could af-

fect the future of race relations. During the public inquiry, Sir William Macpherson had 16 different definitions of the term submitted to him. Ha distilled them into one, defining it as "the collective failure of an organisation to provide an appropriate and professional service to people because of their colour culture or ethnic origin".

He added: "It can be seen or detected in processes, attitudes and behaviour which amounts to discrimination through unwitting prejudice, ignorance, thoughtlessness and racist stereotyping which disadvantages minority ethnic people."

Sir William's definition and his diagnosis mark a major departure from the Scarman Report into deprivation, race and crime which followed the Brixton riots 18 years ago. Though estating in his critique of official attitudes, Lord Scarman concluded that there were racist officers in a police force that was not racist as an insti-

The views of law enforcement reformers have shifted significantly since then. Many believe that Lord Scarman's view was too limited and allowed racism to fester, hidden by the smokescreen of "a few rotten apples". Dr Rohin Oakley, an influential adviser to Scotland Yard and the Home Office, said in evidence to the racist'. Lawrence inquiry that the "rotten apples" argument was mis-

Another eminent expert on race and policing, Simon Hold-

Sheffield University talks of a culture in which laudable policies are formulated but not put into practice because of the intransigence of a section of officers. He says that young officers who come into the police with open minds are in the danger of having them shut by the prevailing culture.

The origins of the phrase "institutional racism" lie in the civil rights struggle of the late-1960s, when Stokely Carmichael used it to highlight the problem of how racists within public bodies and the husiness sector tried to block black integration and employment.

However, Assistant Commissioner Denis O'Connor, who is overseeing the issue of race and policing for Scotland Yard. says that the charge of institutional racism in policing and judicial organisations is now regarded in America as unhelpful. It has been replaced by attempts to analyse specific issues like the stop-and-searching by police of members of the ethnic minority communities.

Paul Condon's limited acceptance of institutional racism within his force is a betrayal. Mike Bennett, the recently retired chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, who is said to reflect the opinion of many white rank-and-file officers, said: "The whole thing is turning into a farce. There would have been a lot of support for the Commissioner among his policemen and women if he had stuck to his guns and said 'yes, there are individual officers who are racist, and should be out' and 'no, the Metropolitan Police is not institutionally

"If he has changed his mind on this, it is to keep his job, and he won't be getting much respect from anyone for this. This is another victory for the

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BY MELVYN HOWE

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Rasaki Yesufu-Muhammad was said to have been part of a "baying moh" that tried to storm the crowded hearing in south London on the day that five men suspected of the black teenager's killing in April 1993 were due to give evidence.

The 29-year-old care worker wearing the hlack Islamic or-

at the time - twice kneed Pc bers in the public gallery. The Stephen Dukamp in the face during an "explosion of violence" last June. The constable. whose colleagues had to use CS gas to control the violence, said that he had been "extremely scared" and ended up "black and blue".

At Southwark Crown Court, in south London, when the jury

news received a similar reaction from supporters in the corridor outside.

Adjourning the case for three weeks for reports, Judge Jeffrey Rucker told defence counsel Matthew Ryder: "If it is of any assistance to the defendant, I ohviously have to think forward in these matsince and is still happening, it seems to me that it would be wrong to raise the temperature at all if it is possible to avoid it."

"What I have in mind is a community service order," he. added. He told Yesufu-Muhammad that bail would be continued, and said he would reserve his decision on a prosecution application for £1,600 costs.

appeal against conviction."

Constable Dukamp had told the trial that up to 50 members of the Nation of Islam behaved "almost military-like" at Hannibal House at Elephant and Castle, where the inquiry was held. Two of them stood "sentry duty" either side of a lift, while another directed the movements of the rest with a megaphone.

LIGHTING UP

jump a queue of several hundred people waiting to get in to

the hearing. "At least three of the Nation of Islam came on top of me," Pc Dukamp recalled. He was punched to the floor before twice being kneed in the face by Yesufu-Muhammad. The officer managed to grab his leg, and hang on "for dear life".

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In his final address to the jury defence counsel, Mr Ryder insisted police had arrested the wrong man and then tried to conceal the fact. "The coverups, the denials and the massaging of the truth needs to stop," he declared.

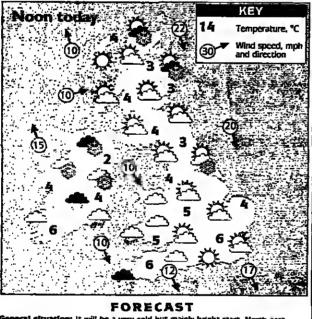
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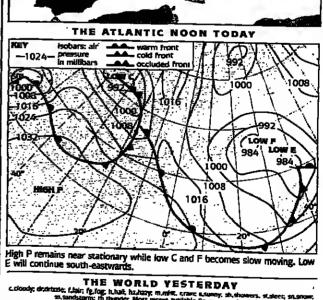


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SNOWSTORMS HAVE hindered rescue attempts for six skiers missing in the French Pyrenees, police said.

The missing - four men and two women - failed to return from a weekend trip near Bagneres de Bigorre. In the Alps, fresh snow was piling up after this month's snowfalls, the heaviest in decades. The risk of avalanches is hindering rescue attempts for three men stranded in an igloo at 9,900ft.







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### Storm as , Raphael defends rapist Koestler





The anthor and philosopher Arthur Koestler, left, and novelist Frederic Raphael

THE NOVELIST Frederic By David LISTER Raphael has provoked outrage by suggesting that the author and film-maker Jill Craigie "may have been excited by the risks" of being with Arthur Koestler, the author and philosopher who raped her.

Defending Koestler after the recent revelation that he raped Ms Craigie, wife of the former Raphael claims that "abuse of women was (if it is not still) a certificate of virility in many great men".

Yesterday a shocked Jill Craigie said: "The man doesn't know what he is talking about. I didn't know Koestler's character at all. I was very young and naive. I just thought he had gone mad. I never knew he could do such a thing.

"I remember sitting on my steps with my clothes torn for what seemed like bours."

In one of the biggest literary controversies of last year, a new hiography of Koestler by Professor David Cesarani revealed him as a serial rapist and disclosed how one of his victims had been Jill Craigie in 1951.

Following the biography, students at Edinburgh University successfully demanded that a bust of Koestler, a benefactor of the university be removed.

But in an article in the political journal Prospect this week, Raphael leaps to Koestler's defence, saying Ms Craigie and the writer Elizabeth Jane Howard whom Koestler is said to have treated callously. demanding she have an abortion after making her pregArts News Editor

nant, "were not foolish virgins." Both, he says: "have a right to their grievances, but both were ambitious and experienced women who liked the company of the powerful and the famous. Both had enough intelligence to read Koestler for Labour leader Michael Foot, a dangerous man. Is it any disparagement to suggest that they might, at the time, have been excited by the risks they were taking?

"They did not deserve what he did, or is said to have done, but they were not foolish virgins and they knew Koestler's character. We are entitled to wonder - as Cesarani did not, but should have - what they were doing with him."

Frederic Raphael, whose novel about Oxbridge life The Glittering Prizes was a hest seller, is particularly provocative about the incident involving Ms Craigle.

Jill Craigie (Mrs Michael Foot) get about it.

which has made all the headlines, we need not doubt that force was used or that understandable shame explains why the facts have taken so long to come out. Without being ungallant, however, I was reminded of a judge who told me that the crucial questions in

him? Did you scratch him?' "I dare say that fear and embarrassment and even a sort of generosity led Michael Foot's wife to file no loud contemporary complaint. But the limitations of biography, especially when one witness is alive and another dead, are obvious here... We may have had the facts; we do not, and cannot, have them all."

In an interview after publication of the biography last year, Ms Craigie told how Koestler had abused her hospitality when she invited him to lunch and raped her while banging her head against the floor "This was all about He writes: "As for the rape of power," she said. "I tried to for-

"Everyone kept going on about what a wonderful man Koestler was. One day, our friend Anthony Crosland said, 'You know he's a rapist'. Michael was shocked. I was relieved. I'd always thought there must have been others. But I stili couldn't admit he'd raped such cases were: 'Did you bite me. Then, years later, I got rather drunk at a dinner party

and it suddenly came out." A spokeswoman for the Scottish Women's Aid Centre, which took a keen interest in the removal of the Koestler bust from Edinburgh University, said yesterday: "Mr Raphael's remarks are extremely unhelpful. Rape is a crime and it is the rapist's responsibility. The blame is on the perpetrator of the crime."

In his essay castigating Pro-fessor Cesarani's biography of Koestler, Raphael expands on his theme: "Cesarani deplores his subject's phallocratic be-haviour towards women, just as we might deplore the acquieşcence of the noblest Romans and Athenians in slavery. Do we not, therefore, admire the

Parthenon or read Catullus? "The abuse of women was (if it is not still) a certificate of virility in many great men, of whom spects, a more birid and despicable example. If we are to dispraise famous men, who is

Raphael says that Koestler "was a hallowed figure in my youthful literary pantheon... My only personal contact with him was when I edited Bookmarks, a volume of essays paign for Public Lending Right. Already shaken by Parkinson's disease, he contributed punctually, although he had warned that writing in English was still a labour. This non-sexual act of altruistic solidarity was, of course, too trivial to warrant

mention by his biographer." Prospect's editor David Goodhart said yesterday: "Frederic Raphael's essay is a polemical plece and I'm happy to publish it. It is provocative and we don't have to agree with every piece we publish."



The author and film-maker Jill Craigie was raped by Arthur Koestler in 1951

#### GLITTERINGLY SUCCESSFUL CONTROVERSIALIST

FREDERIC RAPHAEL lists one of his recreations in Who's Who as "having gardened." It could just as easily be \*having caused

controversy". The 67 yearold author and screenwriter is best known for his comic novel on life at Oxbridge and beyond, The Glittering

Prizes. But he has a number of other successful novels to his credit and has written the screenplays for a series of hit movies ranging from Darling and For From the Madding Crowd in the Sixties to the latest, still to be seen. Stanley Kubrick film, Eyes

Wide Shut. But in recent years he has become celebrated as an Instigator of literary spats. He publicly accused A.S. Byatt of giving a book a good review simply because he had given it a bad one. He also launched a vicious attack on theatre director

Jonathan Miller noting how he always moved in "more exalted circles" when the two of them were friends at Cambridge. Dr Miller's wife claimed that Raphael's venom stemmed from Miller refusing a dinner Invitation back in 1957.

DAVID LISTER

### Lewinsky interview 'won't \* make Clinton look good'

BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH

MONICA LEWINSKY is to describe to a British television audience for the first time how she had "effectively been raped by the American constitution" during the past 13 months. In an interview for Channel

4, to be broadcast next week, Ms Lewinsky gives a candid and "moving" account of the "Zippergate" affair. Jon Snow, the veteran Chan-

nel 4 newsreader, has interviewed everyone from heads of state to suspected war criminals, but yesterday he admitted that he had been very nervous about meeting Ms Lewinsky.

Mr Snow spent eight hours interviewing the former White House intern at her mother's New York penthouse and said it had been a gripping experience. Although prevented by the special prosecutor Kenneth Starr from asking about the day she was arrested and detained by the FBI for 12 hours, Mr Snow said he was satisfied that he had been able to get her true story. "It was unbelievably harrowing and very moving. Her story is amazing," he said. "It ranges from the salacious to the constitutional." Mr Snow said



Jon Snow and Monica Lewinsky in New York Channel 4

they bad discussed her feelings for the President then and now as well as Hillary and Chelsea Clinton. "It will not make him look any better."

Mr Snow first met Ms Lewinsky on Friday night prior to the interview on Sunday. "She was quite nervous and I think a bit wary and I was too," he said. "She had prepared very well for the interview - I glimpsed a stack of notelets that she had on the bottom of her bed and she was looking at them before [the interview]." Despite having been through

endless questioning about her relationship with President Bill Clinton, Mr Snow said Ms Lewinsky was very spontaneous and not formulaic in her replies. "She laughs a lot, she is very

emotional and thoughtful. "When I was first asked to interview her I thought how will we sustain an hour, but I thought we could have done 24 hours and it would have been interesting," he said admitting that personally he would have been happy to pay double the £400,000 for the interview. But he denied that he had

fallen for Ms Lewinsky's charms "I am not be sotted. She has very obvious shortcomings that will come out in the interview. She is not little Miss Perfect."

He was, however, struck by her resilience and how well she looked under the circumstances: "She has come through hell and it would have been much more convenient for all if she had had a breakdown and ended up in a unit somewhere. She has come through an ordeal that it is impossible to conceive of.

"She had every prop kicked away because anyone who spoke to her got subpoensed and she was exceedingly iso-

Asked if Ms Lewinsky was bitter about the events of the past year, Mr Snow said she was fired up and bursting to tell her side of the story. "She feels incredibly aggrieved about the picture of her that emerges. I have been chastened by what I found, which was the appalling abuse of a young woman's rights, and it is very painful to listen to."

The interview will be broadcast on Thursday 4 March, at

### Why Batman is really a turkey

hranded Batman and Robin, starring George Clooney and characters.

Kev Sutherland, who is organising Comics 99, the UK's comic festival, asked 200 members of the Comic Creators Guild, and readers of magazine produced by the companies Comics International and SFX magazines, to name their top 10 worst comic movies.

The "absolute stinkers" will

FANS OF comic books have BY CLARE GARNER

called: "Comic Book Turkeys" Uma Thurman, the worst film at the festival in Bristol between ever made involving comic 2 and 4 April. "A fundamental problem with many comic strip characters is that they look good on the page but when you try and dress people up in those clothes they can look frankly ludicrous," said Mr

The second worst film was Howard the Duck, directed by George Lucas, who also made Stor Wors and "should have feature in an ali-night film show known what he was doing,"

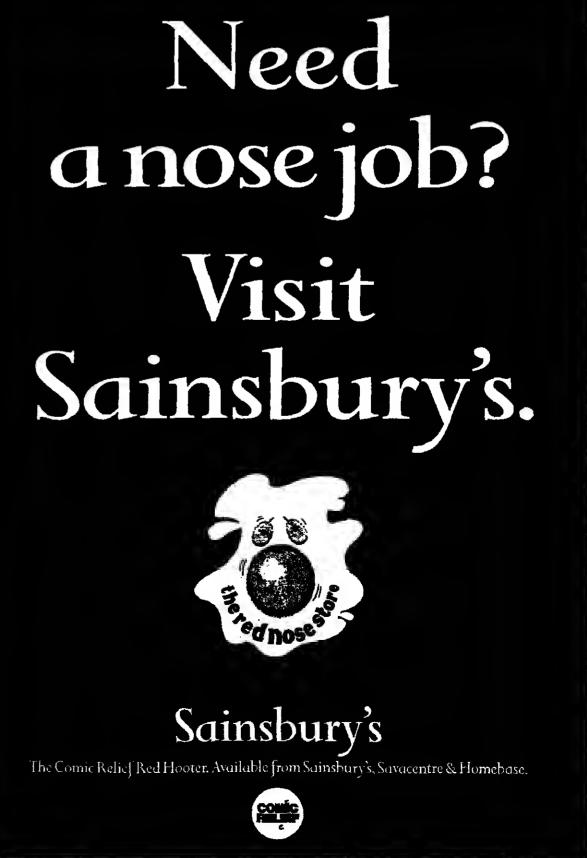
said Mr Sutherland. "Unfortunately the film technology wasn't as advanced enough to make a convincing duck."

Among the other films singled out for criticism were The Fat Slags based on characters from Viz magazine. "The comic, Viz, is fast-moving and original," said Mr Sutherland. "The fat slags were animated in clay and failed to bring life even to that medium."

Judge Dredd was deemed so bad that the editor of the original comic, 2000 AD, is to give delegates at Comics 99 a frame-

by-frame talk on its faults. "He will be explaining the hundreds, possibly thousands, of faults," said Mr Sutherland.

The full list is: 1 Batman and Robin (1997); 2 Howard the Duck (1985); 3 Spawn (1997); 4 Judge Dredd (starring Sty Stallone, 1995); 5 Superman IV (starring Christopher Reeve, 1985); 6 Dick Tracy (1991); 7 Prince Volumt (starting Joanna Lumley, (1998); 8 The Fat Slags (1993); 9 The Punisher (starring Dolph Lundgren, 1994); 10 The Fantastic 4



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THE BEST WRITING, WEEK IN, WEEK OUT: DEBORAH ROSS, HOWARD JACOBSON, HAMISH MCRAF, FAN DYCK, ROBERT FISK, THRUNCH BLACKER, SUSANNAH FRANKFIL BRIAN VINER, JOHN WALSH, RICHARD WILLIAMS, DAVID AARONOVITCH, DEBORAH ORR. THOMAS SUTCEIFTE, MILES KINGTON, SUT ARNOED, ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH

### Pressure on IRA to lift exiles ban

A CAMPAIGN to force the IRA BY COLIN BROWN to lift orders exiling people from Northern Ireland is being mounted in London, Belfast and Duhlin to bolster the crisis-

hit peace process. Labour MPs and IRA dissidents are linking up to allow the return to the Province of the exiled men and their families as a goodwill gesture and confidence building measure in the run-up to the March 10 handover of powers to the Northern Ireland Assembly

Chief Political Correspondent

stop the punishment beatings. We hope we can do the same with exile," said one of the

campaigners. They are hoping for a public show of condemnation for the use of exile, including a possible rock concert in Belfast, with performers such as Bono. to welcome the return of exiled men from mainland Britain.

It is believed that hundreds have been forced to flee into

exile from Northern Ireland covering their community. They by republican and loyalist paranilitaries since the Good Friday Agreement was signed. but nobody knows the true figures. Officially, the Government says around 1,385 people claim they were intimidated out of their homes between April and December last year, but it is not known how many were ordered to leave Ulster.

Many of those forced into

exile are petty criminals or al-

leged drug dealers who have fallen foul of the paramilitaries

beaten or killed if they stay. "The IRA's attitude is that the Brits can have this problem on their doorstep," said one former IRA man. Sometimes entire families have to find homes in mainland cities such as Manchester, where the Maranatha religious organisation helps resettle people forced out of their own homes. There are cases of people arriving with no friends or connections in Manchester who have been warned not to

are warned that they will be

talk to the police or press, or paigners who protested for they will face another beating. The Maranatha organisation says it had a group of 14 to

"Northern Ireland is like Chica-

go with Guinness - all Al

Capone and the Mafia. Money drives the people, not politics." Harry Barnes, the Labour MP and co-chairman of the a Euro-summit to agree the New Dialogue group, which supports the peace process, is leading the campaign to end the exile of people from Northern

Ireland. The Peace Train cam-

peace in the North and South of Ireland are expected to throw their weight behind the deal with. One victim said: movement to end exile, and there are likely to be moves in the Irish Parliament. Tony Blair will meet Bertie

Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, on Friday in the margins of next steps towards persuading the IRA to begin decommissioning, which is threatening to stall the hand-over of powers to

Adams last week at Downing Street, and Mr Ahern believe the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, has little room for manoeuvre unless the IRA is prepared to make a gesture by abandoning some of its weapons. Mr Trimble, the first minister in the Assembly, is under pressure from his party not to set up the Assembly executive with ministerial seats

for Sinn Fein unless decommissioning has started.

under pressure from dissidents who support the armed struggle. There are continuing unconfirmed rumours at away dissident group, calling it-

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Continuity IRA, threatening a 'spectacular bomb attack on the mainland around 10 March to show that there will be no surrender of weapons. They are said to be more in tune with the thinking of IRA leaders than the socalled Real IRA hlamed for the Omagh bombing

### Republican nurse held over Omagh

THE CHAIRMAN of the republican 32-County Sovereignty Committee was under Interrogation last night by detectives investigating the Omagh bomb

Francis Mackey, 44, was detained at the Tyrone & Fermanagh psychlatric hospital, on the outskirts of the town, where he works as a nurse, and taken to a Royal Ulster Constabulary station in Londonderry for questioning.

His home at the village of Mountfield, seven miles from Omagh, was also searched.

Family members refused to make any comment, but political associates claimed the arrest was an attempt by the British and Irish governments to silence republican critics of

agreement His party is linked to the Real IRA, the dissident republican bombing six months ago.

Mr Mackey's detention hrought to six the number of men held in custody in Northern Ireland in connection with

the atrocity. Another three were detained yesterday in the Crossmaglen and Cullaville areas of south Armagh in a huge security swoop which involved police and

Detailed searches of homes and nearby property were also carried out.

The men are all being held at Strand Royal Ulster Constabulary station in Derry Three more men are being interviewed in Monaghan after

raids in the border areas of the Irish Republic. Two others held in CarrickBY DERIC HENDERSON

macross have been released. Twenty-nine people were killed and 350 injured by the carbomb explosion.

Mr Mackey, an independent councillor in Omagh, where he has resisted public demands for him to quit and leave the town because of his party's Real IRA connections, can be held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for up to seven days without being charged

He split with Sinn Fein be-

cause of his opposition to the leadership's peace strategy of Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness. Uniformed RUC officers de-

tained him in the hospital. grounds just after 8am. A spokesperson for the Sper

rin Lakeland Trust, which manages the hospital where he was detained, said: "It is our policy group which carried out the car not to comment on individual members of the staff." Senior RUC and Garda offi-

cers who have been involved in an unprecedented cross-border inquiry to try to track down the bombers have identified at least six men they believe were directly involved in the 15 August attack.

It is understood that they have also established where the 450lb-500 lh bomb was assemhled and the route the terrorists took to transport it into Omagh from the outskirts of the town before abandoning the red Vauxhall Cavalier car in Market Street.

Mr Mackey's party insisted that the arrest was an attempt by the British government and the Republic'a Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, to silence oppo-



nents of the Good Friday peace deal and switch attention away from the deadlock on decommissioning, which is threatening to delay the setting up of an executive at the Northern Ire-

land Assembly. Vice-chairman Bernadette Sands McKevitt claimed: "The cynical timing of these arrests

suspended prison sentences

on three British businessmen

who had to be rescued while

skiing in a banned area during

an avalanche alert two weeks

ago. The court, in Albertville in

the French alps, delayed judge-

were rescued from the "black" (ie strictly prohibited) slope in

the Val d'Isère the day after an

The three men in their 30s

ment until 29 March

cannot be overlooked."

She added: "We call all those who support freedom of speech and the right of free political thought to condemn this latest

wave of harassment." The Conservative Party's shadow Northern Ireland minister, Andrew Mackay, was in Omagh yesterday to meet survivors and relatives amid claims that families are not

avalanche killed 12 people near

Chamonix. The public prose-

cutor, Roger Ternoy, said the

case had been brought "not be-

cause we want to persecute the

English but because of the very

real danger which the men

hrought on themselves and

their rescuers".

Fear drives woman to

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One of them, Laurence Rush, 57, whose wife, Libby, was among the 29 dead, said last night that he yearned for the day when the terrorists responsible were eventually jailed. He said: "I want a just vengeance. God allows me a vengeance. He allows me to feel

35, all business executives, de-

nied the charge of "placing the

lives of others in danger". They told the court that they had

strayed onto the closed piste by mistake in poor visibility.

But the prosecutor, Mr Ter-noy, one of the first in France

to bring criminal charges

against errant skiers, said one

of the men had admitted to gen-

darmes that they had crossed

Britons face fines for ski slope rescue

years contributed to this country by having three fine children. "These people (Real IRA)

destroyed that. "They destroyed the fabric of this town and this country. Young people have been left without limbs. These people have got to be brought to jus-

triggered nearby.
Mr Ternoy called for three

months suspended prison sen-

tences and FF5000 (around

2500) fines on each of the men.

"The penalties interest me less

than the examples they will set

"I hope my prayers will be answered. We have to find the killers of our wives and loved ones. Omagh is our home town. Its the place where we live and where we brought up our

"It might not be the most beautiful town in the world, hut it can be made into that at a spiritual level."

the mountains are a place of

freedom, and that there is such

a thing as no-risk in the moun-

tains. "A zone of liberty is not a

zone of lawlessness and irre-

sponsibility," he said.

often repeated by skiers - that Bodecher, called for the charges

#### **Wright's** murder **'state** arranged'

THE MURDER of the loyalist leader Billy Wright was "state arranged, state sponsored and state sanctioned", his father claimed yesterday.

David Wright told an inquest into his son's death at Northern Ireland's Maze prison in December 1997 that he believed there had been collusion at the highest level.

There was tight security at Downpatrick court bouse yesterday for the inquest into the death of the man known as "King Rat". Three INLA men were jailed for his murder at the same court four months ago.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF) leader was gurned down in an ambush by the Republicans who had scaled a wall separating their wing from Wright's. Mr Wright said that the housing of INLA and LVF prisoners in the same block was a "recipe for disaster". He also asked why security cameras had not recorded the incident and why guards and soldiers in watch towers overlooking the yard where it happened had failed to stop the shooting.

Forty witnesses are expected to be called in the course of the inquest, which is expected to last up to two weeks. In the court yesterday, the Maze's governor, Stephen Davis, explained how the killers scaled the wall and ambushed Wright as he sat in a bus waiting to be taken to the visiting block. But Mr Wright asked how the INLA could have known about the visit in advance.

The inquest heard from several prison officers who described the LVF leader's final moments. One, Joseph Flanaghan, also described how the rival INLA and LVF prisoners were taunting each other

The inquest was adjourned

to be dismissed on the grounds

that the municipal order under

which the ski-slopes were closed

was badly drawn up. It gave au-

thority only for general safety pre-

cautions, not the closure of

slopes. Bringing cases to "set an

example" was bad justice, Mr

Bodecher said Most of the

French Alps remain under severe

avalanche warnings, after fresh

falls of snow at the weekend.

#### IN BRIEF

#### Dr Shipman: seven more charges

A GP accused of killing eight patients appeared in court yesterday charged with seven further murders. Harold Shipman, 52, of Hyde, Greater Manchester, was remanded in custodys. The alleged victims were Muriel Grimshaw, 76. Norah Nuttall, 65, Laura Wagstaff, 31, Maureen Ward, 57. Pamela Hillier, 68, Marie West, 81, Lizzie Adams, 77.

Bread ingredient 'is asthma risk' A SUBSTANCE added to flour to improve the quality of hread poses a "considerable" asthma risk to people working in bakeries and mills, researchers said yesterday. Alpha amylase, derived from the fungus aspergillus oryzae, is added to flour to speed up the baking process.

#### **Woman sues over HIV doctor**

A WOMAN treated by an HIV-positive gynaecologist is to take legal action against a hospital which employed him. The patient treated by Olukayode Fasawe shortly before his death in February 1997, is to launch a civil damages claim for "psychiatric shock" against Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

#### Tesco strengthens sales lead

TESCO HAS lengthened its lead over rivals, confirming its position as the number-one supermarket, according to Institute of Grocery Distribution figures. It secured 15.6 per cent of grocery sales in the year to June 1998.

#### MILES KINGTON



**Equity: Once a term** meaning justice – now a posh word for money A HEALTHY woman with no his-

A FRENCH prosecutor called By JOHN LICHFIELD yesterday for stiff fines and in Paris

ily is planning to have both her breasts removed to ensure she has no risk of succumbing to the Liz King, from Whitley Bay, North Tyneside, has pencilled in an appointment at a private hospital in Newcastle for the

British Medical Association

By JEREMY LAURANCE **Health Editor** tory of breast cancer in her fam-

time a woman with no extra risk factors for breast cancer has opted for the radical preventive treatment. A handful of women double mastectomy, which will ers of the BrCat gene for breast cost her £3,500. However, the cancer have had the surgery in. warned that any surgeon who BrCal gene have an 80 per cent at a higher risk." carried out the operation could

be in breach of his ethical duty. It is believed to be the first with a strong family history of I look on my breasts as a risk facthe disease and who are carri- tor I can do without.

Guy McBride, 38, Jonathan warning tapes and signs. Short-

Fairley, 37. and Paul Crowther, by after they were rescued from

chance of developing breast cancer during their lifetime compared with less than 9 per cent for the average woman.

Mrs King, a former medical laboratory scientist, said: "A close colleague of mine died of breast cancer at the age of 40 five years ago and it hit me hard

"As a woman I have a 1-in-12 cancer have had the surgery in chance of contracting it and the past. Women who carry the because I have no children I am

#### The three men, who had been released on bail, said that and the encouragement to caution they will hroadcast to thoughtless people, whether they were no more than averon or off the recognised slopes," age skiers who did not normally the prosecutor said. ski "off-piste" but had lost their He wanted to "wring the way in bad weather.

deep snow, an avalanche was neck" of two mistaken ideas

bedroom at Eton College AN ETON schoolboy was found hanged in his room at the Berkshire college yesterday. Two fellow pupils found the 15-year-old suspended from a cord in his bedroom shortly before break-

fast time. An ambulance was immediately called but the boy was pronounced dead and police were asked to investigate.

said that there were no suspi- on his body and an inquest will cious circumstances.

Pupil is found hanged in

The death was announced at morning assembly and lessons were continuing yesterday, although the boys were prepar-ing for the start of their half term holiday which begins on Thursday.

The police spokesman did not name the dead boy but A spokesman for the police said that arrangements were at Slough, Berkshire, con-firmed that a schoolboy had been found hanged at Eton but

set at a rangements were
being made to notify his parents
of the tragedy. A post-mortem
examination is to be carried out

be held.

John Lewis, the headmaster of Eton, said that the dead boy had been an excellent pupil who appeared to be making good progress in his work and at games. He was in his second

"He enjoyed the company of others and was much respected by them. The school's sympathy goes out at this time to the boy's parents and family

Wright's murder 'state arranged'

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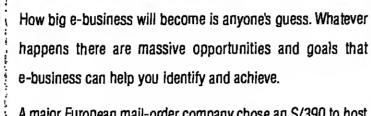
As a company's Web site becomes a primary source of interaction between the company and its customers, scalability and e-business growth becomes a major issue.

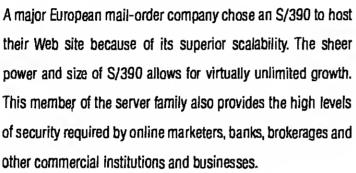
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### Huge gulf in school standards revealed

STARTLING VARIATIONS in By JUDITH JUDD standards in primary schools in England are revealed in league

tables published today. While in 27 schools every 11-year-old achieved the expected standard in national tests in English, maths and science, in the worst school only 15 per cent did so in English and 4 per cent in maths.

Standards also differed widely between local authorities. with fewer than half the pupils in the worst local education authority - Nottingham - achieving the required level in English and maths compared with around three-quarters in Richmond upon Thames. Nottingham, which lags behind others with inner-city schools, acknowledged yesterday that expectations of pupils in some schools may have been too low.

Even within schools, the tables highlight surprising differences. In several schools in the bottom 50, three times as many pupils are reaching the required level in English as in maths, in others vice versa. The tables, covering more than 14,000 schools and nearly 600,000 pupils, suggest that the Government's drive to raise standards will prove challenging.

I with experience

In Englisb, 64 per cent reached the required standard, up 1 per cent. For maths, the figure was 58 per cent - down 4 per cent - and for science it remained at 69 per cent. Ministers say that by 2002 they will rise to 80 per cent in English and 75

per cent in maths. David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education. said he was confident that new literacy and numeracy hours in the classroom. There is insuffiprimary schools would ensure cient back-up, materials and at the targets were met.

"The tables are important in our drive to raise standards. They help schools monitor progress and set targets for improvement," he said. He pointed out that just under 1,000 schools had proved that consistent improvement was possible since the tables were first published three years ago.

Headteachers complain that the tables are unfair because a school may forfeit its 100 per cent score if a single pupil is away sick.

Only two schools have a perfect score in all three subjects over the three years: St Michael's Bamford Church of England school, in Heywood, Rochdale, and Shenington Church of England School, near Banbury. Five achieved the top score both last year and this. More than half the top 27 schools

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have fewer than 15 pupils eligi-ble to take the tests and nearly half are church schools.

Burnt Tree School in Sandwell, West Midlands, declared failing by inspectors, had the lowest combined score for the three subjects. The authority said that the class had had three different teachers last year and 35 per cent of children had long periods of absence in

foreign countries. A spokesman for Cheshire County Council said that the case of Neston St Mary's school, which came in the bottom 10, was "a prime example are". Twelve of the 16 eligible pupils last year had special needs and the school was proud of their achievement.

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said: The tables show that the Government's targets have been set unrealistically high. They seem to have been plucked out of thin air rather than being based on what is achievable in the time allowed."

David Willetts, the Tory spokesman for education, said: The Government's own policies are one of the reasons why schools are having difficulty reaching targets. It has sent out 322 directives and documents lished last year, made up of the this year, distracting teachers

from raising standards. "The trouble with the literacy strategy is that it is being applied indiscriminately. If a school is doing well we do not need to inquire into what is going on in support for schools where there

is a problem." He said the tables were published too late to be useful for parents, adding: "Before the election, Labour promised to publish the information before

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the tables could be the basis for unfair attacks by school governors or local education authorities on the career prospects of heads in challenging schools.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said: "There is no need for this monstrous bureaucratic exercise. There are better ways of raising standards which do not demoralise disadvantaged schools in depressed areas."

**WEEKEND** 

**Fantastic** 

winter rates



At Malinslee School, Telford, the fastest improving primary, headteacher Ann Hughes helps out in a maths class

### Primary improves 1,800 per cent

A SCHOOL once described as having "serious weaknesses' is named today as Britain's fastest improving primary after achieving an increase in test re-

sults of 1,800 per cent. Malinslee Primary School in Telford, Shropshire, has recorded a combined score of 267 out of 300 in tests for maths, English and science.

The combined score pubpercentage of children gaining the expected standard in the three major subjects, was just 14 out of 300.

Yesterday, its headteacher, Ann Hughes, said paying close BY BEN RUSSELL **Education Correspondent** 

attention to teaching the 140 pupils exam skills such as reading the question and working to a deadline had belped them show their potential. This year, 83 per cent of pupils gained the expected standard in English.

The score for maths and science was 92 per cent. Mrs Hughes said that staff were "devastated" when they received the poor results, a month before Ofsted inspectors

visited in July 1997.

"We really wanted to show that we could do better, both for

the children and those who left. We looked at the test papers to see why children did not

reach their potential," she said. "Children were not reading questions to the end and in maths they were afraid to show their working out. The children needed to develop the skills of working to a timetable and coping with different situations that would im-

prove their learning across

The school has broken up its mixed-age classes for two mornings a week to concentrate on maths and English. Staff have also opened a breakfast club for

pupils, who are drawn from nearby council estates. David Blunkett, the Secre-

tary of State for Education. yesterday praised three schools, Teyfant Community School in Bristol, West Walker Primary School in Newcastle and Mayflower School in Tower Hamlets in east London, for consistently raising standards.

At West Walker school, on the banks of the Tyne, the beadteacher, Norma Redfearn, has increased the percentage of children achieving the required standard in English, maths and science threefold over the past three years. She said the school

had become the heart of efforts to rebuild the local community after the collapse of the ship-

building industry.

The school now has break-fast and homework clubs and has opened an adult education centre for parents and local

Mrs Redfearn said: "At one time 12,000 men used to walk past the school gates on the way to work, but that all ended. The staff, the people in the community and the governors have worked together. Ten years ago the school was half empty, but now there is a wait-

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#### Army destroys its last stock of mines

By JOHN DAVISON

THE ARMY'S use of antipersonnel landmines has been consigned to history. George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday:

Describing them as "obscene weapons". Mr Robertson announced that the last of two million mines held by the army as recently as two-and-a-half years ago had been destroyed. He also committed himself to contimuing to work towards a worldwide ban. "The British Army no longer possesses any antipersonnel landmine capability. No British soldier will ever again lay an anti-personnel landmine," he said. "It is a very proud moment for me to be able to use those words."

The announcement came just days before the 1997 Ottawa Convention comes into force un 1 March. Britain was one of the first 40 signatories to the treaty; which commits them to destroying all stockpiles of mines

within the next four years. At a ceremony at the Ministry of Defence in London yesterday. Mr Robertson presented four of the deactivated mines to organisations that had cam-

paigned for their abolition. The mounted C3 Elsic mines were received by representatives of the British Red Cross, the Mines Advisory Group, the Halo Trust and Care International, "These represent a typical anti-personnel mine in that they are simple, cheap and easily placed by hand," Mr Robertson said. "Those before you today hold particular significance as they were taken from the very last batch of mines to be destroyed by the British Army." Another deactivated mine was donated to the Imperial War Museum, This, said Mr Robertson, was to stress that the mines were part of history: "They no longer represent anything of the present or future of British military capability."

Britain had previously pledged to destroy all MoD stocks by 1 January 2000. The Royal Air Force still holds the JP233 weapons system, which can drop thousands of tiny bomblets or mines and which is also subject to the convention. These, too, will be destroyed by the end of this year, Mr Robertson said.

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"I hope the accelerated destruction of British Army mines will send another clear and concrete message to those nations who have not yet signed the Ottawa Treaty. The legacy of anti-personnel mines is a modern plague," he said. These weapons are enduring and indiscriminate and a serious, global effort is required before this ban will be truly effective."

Thomas Sutcliffe, page 11

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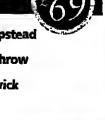
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Fox's rapid rise from rags to riches

SHELLEY FOX, winner of the BY SUSANNAH FRANKEL first Jerwood Fashion Prize. showed her autumn/winter collection at London Fashion Week yesterday.

Less than one month ago, she was sleeping on her studio floor after her boiler broke at home and she could not afford to have it fixed. On 10 February.
however, she won the largestever fashion prize - £20,000 in
cash, a guaranteed order from
holes, the fabric being pulled into Liberty worth £25,000, an interest-free loan against further orders for up to £50,000, and access to a panel of judges who include designers Betty Jackson and Alexander McQueen.

Although her show was off the official schedule and in east London, the other side of the town from London Fashion Week's headquarters at the Natural History Museum, the viewing was packed.

Yesterday's show was a development of Fox's Jerwood collection, fully representing

Fashion Editor

her signature style. This starts with the fabrics, mainly felted wools, often buckled and scorched, in sombre colours: black, grey and burnt orange.

Fox, a 32-year-old of Scunshape on the body around them. The resulting is reminiscent of the work of Japanese designers.

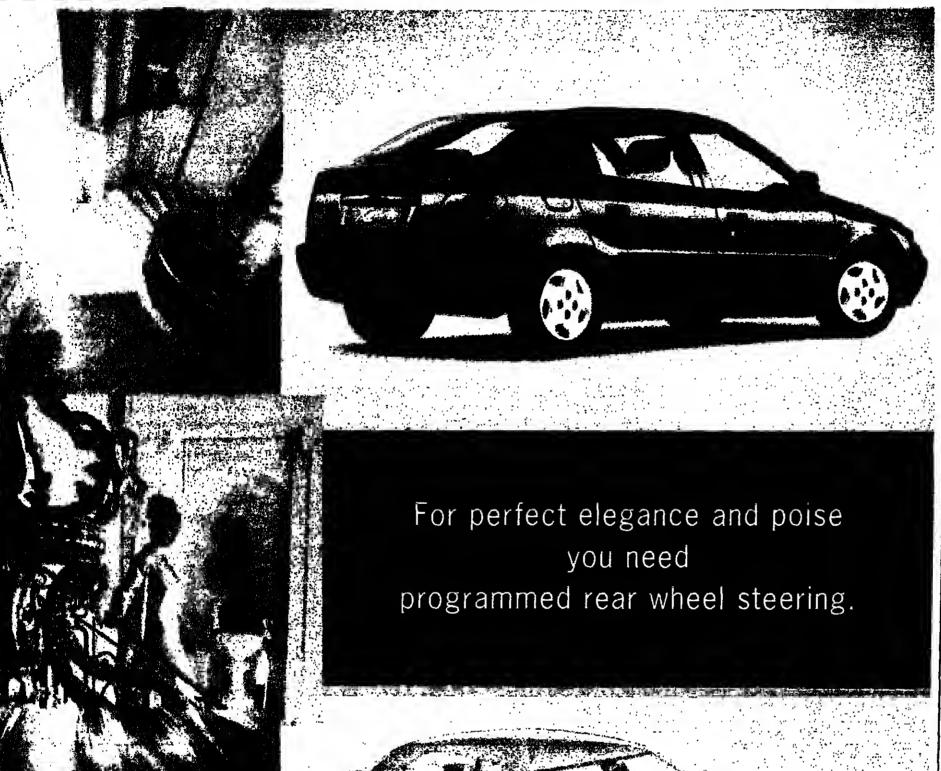
In an earlier show yesterday, Luella Bartley's crisp little dresses in high-quality men's shirting material looked sweet. Others in corduroy with biker zip fastenings were equally London-girl in flavour. Fondant coloured knits – powder pink, blue and cornflower – will no doubt sell.

Bartley has attracted interest from American Vogue, Bar-









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### Britons' lawyer arrested in Aden

A LAWYER representing the Britons being held on terrorist charges in Yemen was arrest-

ed after trying to visit them. Rashad Yaqoob was de-tained yesterday morning after he and other lawyers escorted a doctor to the jail in Aden to carry out an independent medical examination of the prisoners. All claim they have been tortured since their arrest on 24 December for alleged involvement in a plot to bomb British targets in Aden.

Mr Yaqoob, who co-ordinated the Justice for the Britons in Yemen Campaign from Britain before going out to help with the men's defence, was arrested at his hotel after having been turned away at the prison.

Friends in the campaign say he has a bad cough and chest infection and that he was initially held in a police cell before being moved to a hos-pital, where he was being guarded by police. "We are very worried about him. He is quite unwell," said his sister. Salma Chaudary."No official reason has been given but we think they wanted to stop him talking at a press conference which was scheduled for this afternoon.

British diplomats seemed mystified after searching for Mr Yaqoob. The Foreign Office confirmed that David Pearce, the consul in Aden, had visited him in hospital and was due to meet him again. "The British ambassador has been in touch with the Yemeni vice-foreign minister to find out what happened and why. We still do not know," said a Foreign Office spokesman. "It was made very clear that Mr Yaqoob's welfare needs must be met."

Campaign organisers fear he was arrested to stop him publicising his failed prison visit. He was holding a permit from the Yemeni attorney-general, but on arrival at the prison was deBY JOHN DAVISON

nied access by the prosecution in the case. He apparently told them that he would expose the situation at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

The trial of the accused men continues, despite claims that confessions were extracted from them by torture. No independent medical examination has taken place, although a report by a Home Office pathologist who only saw them when they appeared in court said he thought they had been tortured.

The first group of arrested men are: Mohsin Ghalain, 18, Malik Nasser Harbra, 26, Ghulam Hussein, 25, Shahid Butt, 33, and Samad Ahmed, 21, and a Frenchman, James Louvres. 30. All deny associating with armed groups, plotting murder and destruction, and illegal possession of weapons.

Another group of Britons has also been arrested and are being put on trial with the others. They are: Mohammed Mustafa Kamel, the 17-year-old son of the north London-based radical Muslim leader Abu Hamza al-Masry, Shaz Nabi. Ayad Hussein and Ali Mohsen.

The defendants have been allegedly linked to Islamic radicals who kidnapped 16 Westerners in December, four of whom died in a shoot-out when Yemeni security forces sought to rescue the hostages.

A spokesman for the cam-

paign last night said that the reasons being given for the ar-rest were to stop Mr Yaqoob from spreading "lies" about the Yemeni government. At the time of his arrest by armed police officers, however, no reasons were given.

Mr Yaqoob's health had "worsened dramatically" in the hours after he was taken to the police station, the spokesman





Somehow, the age-old search for pleasure has turned nasty



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### Man of Straw is unhurt after treading on a dummy

DURING DEFENCE Questions nocuous by-ways, and a little later, his face was not down to splattered advance, he explained, but righteous ounced that the British Army had laid their last landmine; all existing stocks had been destroyed, he told the House, and the last five models had been rendered harmless and handed over as macabre trophies to the bodies which had campaigned for their withdrawal. This must have been a touching ceremony, what with its ritual invocations of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the word-pictures of children gambolling through virgin meadows. We should not forget, however, that there are still explosive devices

dangers, the latest victim turned up to tell the House about his accident.

The morning papers had unani-mously reported that the Home Secretary had trodden on a judicial landmine over the weekend, in his case a relatively innocuous device which was designed to propel egg into the face of its target at high velocity. Tory members had turned up in large numbers to gloat over the Home Secretary's injury and, if at all possible, to aggravate it. But when he rose to make his statement it slowly became clear that he wasn't

indignation: The device in question had made quite a loud noise, he conceded, but he had not been hurt and, what's more, were he to walk that way again his foot would fall not an ounce less heavily. The charge had been a dummy.

Mr Straw seemed genuinely indignant to have been depicted as an enemy of freedom and quietly defended his actions. He had only acted, he said, out of concern for the Lawrence family (Paviovian reflex of agreement from both sides), for the fair treatment of the police (coneven limping. The unusual pallor of cessionary grunts from law and THE SKETCH



THOMAS SUTCLIFFE

order Tories) and respect for the privileges of the House (sturdy hearhearing from Labour members and

snorts of derision from the Conservative benches). I think he might sensibly have dispensed with this last point because even though Mr Straw himself strikes me as a by-the-rules kind of chap himself, he is smart enough to know that be belongs to a government which is about as leakproof as a satsuma bag.
It also seemed unwise of him to

harp quite so much on the care and effort he had put into keeping the report secret, since the more he protected his department's integrity the more be exposed its basic competence. Following this line several Tory MPs tried to get him to say just bow many people had access to

whether they would be sacked if they were found out, but at these points Mr Straw briefly forgot the all-important supremacy of Parliament and declined to answer. One questioner even raised the possihility that a junior minister might have been involved in this heinous breach of trust, at which point the junior ministers grinned ostentatiously to register the absurdity of the notion. I noticed that Paul Boateng smiled with particular vigour, as if the idea struck him as

the very acme of hilarity. Mr Straw was rattled enough,

copies of the leaked report, and with Sir Norman Fowler earning a rebuke from the Speaker, delayed only by the fact that she hadn't heard the offending remark and had to get him to repeat it before she could pass judgement. For his part Sir Norman seemed to have pulled off that entertaining trick whereby a synthetic and strategic indignation slowly converts itself into the real thing. He began by pretending to be very cross and did such a good job that he ended up genuinely so. Mr Straw, I think, travelled in the opposite direction, realising by the end of the session that his protestations that he was completely unmarked anyway, to get unparliamentary might actually turn out to be true.

### Wakeham set to hold public hearings

LORD WAKEHAM, chairman of the Royal Commission on House of Lords reform, gave the strongest signal so far that the it would seek to take oral evidence in public.

During a two-day Lords debate on the White Paper on the reform, he said his consultations would be as "open and forthcoming" as possible to enable "vigorous public debate".

The commission, expected to report by the end of the year. will first meet on 1 March.

Government sources have privately made clear they boped it would move quickly to analysis and recommendations hecomes stranger and on the functions, powers and composition of the second chamber in private sessions.

Lord Wakeham's reassurance came as Lord Denham, former Toy chief whip, accused his party of "inertia" over reform. "We are drifting towards the end of our life for the temporary convenience of this ad-

LORDS REFORM BY SARAH SCHAEFER Political Reporter

play a "distinct and significant role ... "Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, for the Liberal Democrats, said proposals by Lord Weatherill, chairman of the crossbenchers, to retain 91 bereditary peers in the interim period gave a "substantial and disproportionate" advantage

to Tory benches. Lord Rodgers said he did not want to "ridicule" what had been a genuine attempt to achieve consensus but the "situation stranger" and the proposals were a "dog's breakfast".

Lord Denham, himself a hereditary peer, said of the amendment: "If this rather nebulous threat hanging over us amounts to something less than contempt of parliament, I would be very grateful for somebody to tell me why."

Opening the debate, But Lord Wakeham spoke of Baroness Jay, the Lords leader, nor to give amminition to those who describe peers as predominantly driven by self-interest and out of touch with

everyday concerns." ■ The Lords could have its first elected peers under Liberal Democrat plans to be dehated at the party's conference next month, writes Paul Wangh.

It will hear a motion to ensure all the party's nominations for life peerages in an interim Lords will be subject to a secret ballot of senior activists.

In line with Labour and the Tories, the Liberal Democrats allow their leader simply to select their peers, and some activists want the practice to end. The move to make the interim House of Lords more democratic is one of several motions listed in the party's conference agenda, published yesterday.

The conference, which will see Paddy Ashdown deliver his 23rd and last speech as party leader, is certain to be used as a "primary" by potential lead-



an "exciting opportunity" to said: "We do not want to lend Charles Kennedy and Menzies Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport learning how to applied in sign language in Create a chamber which would credence to the unicameralists. Campbell. Birmingham as he announced £53.7m in grants to help the nation celebrate the Millennium Tom Pilston

#### No way to treat a dog, say MPs

TELEVISION

BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

MPS CALLED on the BBC last night to reconsider its decision to axe One Man and His Dog from the nation's TV screens.

Peter Bradley, MP for The Wrekin and chair of the Rural Group of Labour MPs, tabled a Commons motion attacking the "high-handed and insensitive" move to take the programme off

the air. The Early Day Motion points out that the programme attracted eight million viewers before it was rescheduled and had brought pleasure to both town

and country dwellers over 23 This is no way to treat a loval friend. This House regrets that the BBC is once again abandoning its duty to minority interests in pursuit of mass markets and calls on the

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cision," the motion states. Mr Bradley, whose remarks were backed by the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, at the weekend, said last night that he expected a "torrent" of crossparty support for this motion.

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### Benefits in kind attacked

LABOUR LEFT-WINGERS vesterday attacked Government proposals to offer asylum seekers benefits in kind instead of cash assistance. They argued that cash benefits were the "cheapest and most humane way" to help such people while they waited for their applications to be considered.

Jeremy Corbyn, the MP for Islington North, said many in the Labour Party felt such removal of benefits, when first introduced by the Tories, was an act of spite and vengeance

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rivals, the Defence

Secretary George

Robertson warned

yesterday. "Either we

rationalise or we won't

have any jobs left in this

very valuable and very

important industry," he

Today's

agenda

Commons: 2.30pm

Questions to Scottish

Chancellor's Department

■ Welfare Reform and

■ Short debate on future

development of Cornish

language. Lords: 2.30pm

■ Debate on Lords

reform, last day.

Pensions Bill, second

ministers and Lord

**ASYLUM SEEKERS** 

genuine need. Under the Immigration and Asylum Bill, \_sylum seekers will be given accommodation and support through vouchers for food and other essentials, instead of being able to claim social security benefits.

Opening the Bill's second reading debate, Mr Straw made clear that support would only be made available to those who come destitute. Cash benefits careful not to stir up racial acted as a draw to "economic migrants", especially from

Amid the heated debate on the radical shake-up of the immigration and asylum system, leaders of all the major political parties have pledged not to descend into displays of racial prejudice. The pledge, drawn up by the Commission for Racial Equality, the Refugee Council and the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees, also urges all MPs, officials, local

tensions. But during the debate, Diane Abbott, the Labour MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, warned small groups of asylum seekers accommodated outside London could be "sitting targets for racist attacks" as a result of the proposals

Mr Straw said the legislation had been drafted amid public concern about bogus asylum seekers in Britain and criminal trafficking, a global trade estimated to be worth more than £4 billion a year. It aims to fine forry drivers carrying illegal im-

#### BY SARAH SCHAEFER system of support was a eastern Europe, who had no "shambles" and radical reform reasons to make asylum was needed to help those in claims, be added.

against refugees" But Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, insisted the current were destitute or likely to be-

#### THE HOUSE Register to list suspected paedophiles

SUSPECTED AS well as convicted paedophiles would be BY PAUL WAUCH Defence jobs banned for life from working THERE WILL be dire with children under a backconsequences for British

bench Bill published yesterday. The private member's Protection of Children Bill, sponsored by Debra Shipley, MP for Stourbridge, would ban childcare organisations from employing anyone on a national register drawn up by the Government.

The Bill, which is being backed by the Department of Education and Employment, the Home Office and the Department of Health, will also require employers to refer to the register the names of those who have harmed children or put them at risk. It will receive its second reading on Friday and stands a reasonable chance of passing into law.

The measures would enable the Government's proposed Criminal Records Bureau to operate a "one-stop shop" so that concerned childcare organisations can make fast checks.

The Bill aims to tighten up the law following pressure from charities, schools and councils which claim there is no mechanism to report staff who quit of Cruelty to Children have also officially backed the Bill. their jobs before investigations

into child abuse are concluded. Many paedophiles slip through the net even though serious allegations are made against them by children.

Volunteers as well as employees would be subject to checks for the first time and an independent appeals tribunal would ensure that no innocent individual was placed on the list. Ms Shipley said: "I have

been contacted by many people and organisations who have told me about some shocking incidents that would not have happened if my Bill had been on the statute book. My hill will close many loopholes. We must go down the avenues that abusers exploit and this is a step towards that goal."

Valerie Howarth, chief executive of the charity Childline, said: "We welcome the unified list of people unsuitable to work with children as a vital step in preventing known abusers continuing to harm children." Both Mencap and the National Society for the Prevention

**QUESTIONS** AND

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Ulster violence ALMOST 150 people were victims of paramilitary-style attacks in Ulster in the last eight months of 1998, Northern Ireland security minister Adam Ingram disclosed. Loyalists were

responsible for 90 attacks - 25 shootings and 65 assaults; while Republicans were behind 59 - 19 shootings and 40 assaults.

Troops at ease BRITISH TROOPS will not

go into Kosovo if the peace talks in France do not produce an agreement "unless there is an agreement for them to supervise". George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, said.

Elderly benefit THE AMOUNT of cash

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covered in the UK. So many greenfinches, haffinches, bullfinches, chaffinches, goldfinches, bramblings and siskins have been removed centre on the Mediterranean is-

dercover RSPCA officers who targeted his activities fear he may have started to affect the level of their wild populations. The man, a 26-year-old Mai-

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amassed a fortune by satisfying the huge demand in Malta for British cage birds. He has been able to sell wild-caught British greenfinches, for example, for up to £40 each.

The man has built up a network of people in Britain who will trap wild finches, and has then been exporting the birds

counterfeit versions of the rings they must wear to show that

bred birds may be traded. Over four years he has made dozens of trips to Britain in the winter, when finches flock tosether to seek food and are easy

netting. The RSPCA believes he may have exported between 50,000 and 60,000 wild birds by they were bred in captivity. It is illegal in Britain to take, sell or air mixed in with consignments export a wild bird, but captiveof legal, captive-bred birds in an attempt to evade Customs

> Bnt the society believes that many thousands of those cap-

stress in initial captivity or on the journey, and the remainder have been destined to a short life as pets in small cages. "Their lifespan in a small cage in Malta is unlikely to be more than three months, which is why he continually needs

more," said an RSPCA source. The man was tracked and watched as he exported birds

Three types of British wild birds which are being trapped for illegal export to the Mediterranean. From left to right, the goldfinch, the greenfinch and the linnet through Gatwick airport and was finally arrested in a disused petshop in Kent, where he was found preparing to ring more than 500 wild-caught finches. The rings were inscribed with the initials BBC, as on the official rings provided for captivebred birds by the British Bird Council, the official body. The smuggler had succeeded in obtaining them by convincing a

> Bird Club in Maita. The man is now back in Malta, having jumped bail. But RSPCA officers say that the file on him is not closed, al-

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the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said that illegal trapping of songbirds, particularly finches, was still quite common in Britain.

But British cage bird enthusiasts are quick to condemn the illegal trade, said Greg Meenehan, of the magazine Cage and Aviary Birds . "People who keep cage birds are aware that people who trap birds give them a bad name and are very opposed to anything to do with trapping or shooting, he said. "The hobby is seen by some people as cruel so they

want to be whiter than white. There is a strong tradition of though they are reluctant to keeping cage birds in Malta, but spell out what further action not of breeding them, so British they may take. They are still in- birds, which are very successvestigating his associates in fully bred in captivity, are high-



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# from prison

THE PRISON Service is being BY IAN BURRELL forced to pay back more than Home Affairs Correspondent 12m to convicted killers and other inmates who were charged for "board and lodging"

Four inmates, who earned three other prisoners, Glen up to £130-a-week working on McPherson, George Daly and lay-release jobs, sought a ju- Craig Preece, argued that the dicial review to challenge the policy was unlawful. policy of taking £18.25-a-week it was unlawful to charge some-

The decision means that thousands of prisoners who have made payments for board and lodging over the last six years will now be able to claim the money back. Many of them will have been released.

The Prison Service has recouped around £26,000-a-month through such deductions and the repayments are likely to cost more than £1m.

Prisoners nearing the end of their sentence are encouraged to take part in "enhanced earning" schemes which enable them to work - usually outside of prison - and earn realistic wages. The programmes are designed to help rehabilitate prisoners into the community.

Michael Howard, the previous home secretary, introduced the deductions in the belief that it was right that inmates who were allowed the privilege of earning wages should make a contribution for their upkeep. But the policy was chal-

enged by four inmates from

Whitemoor prison, near March in Cambridgeshire. John Duggan, serving life for murder, and

. Following legal advice, Peter from the money they earned to Dawson, acting director of pay for their cell and food. The regimes for the Prison Ser-Prison Service was forced to vice, has instructed all goverclimb down yesterday after its nors to stop deducting the own legal advisors decided that money. In a memo Mr Dawson writes: "In the light of legal advice that the decisions were unlawful (because prisoners cannot be required to pay for their own imprisonment, and cannot consent to pay for their own imprisonment) the Prison Service has conceded the cases. Prisons must now cease making deductions for board and lodging from the wages of prisoners, whether working on enhanced wages schemes in prison or outside prison on

pre-release schemes." Mark Leech, of Liverpool-solicitors AS Law, who backed the prisoners' claims, said: "Prisoners will now be able to save for their release and be in a much better position to survive financially when they do get

The Prison Service said that it would now bring into place the Prisoners' Earnings Act 1996, placed on the statute book by the last government but never implemented. It will be introduced early in the summer and will enable the Prison Service to lawfully make compul-

#### Fertility patients hit by beds crisis

HEALTH AUTHORITIES are cutting their funding for infertility treatment in order to concentrate on meeting government targets for reducing hos-pital waiting lists, according to

Across the country an average of 10.8 cycles of in-vitro fertilisation were provided by the NHS per 100,000 population in 1998, compared with 12.7 cycles in 1997. In more than half of health authorities the waiting

time from referral to treatment was more than one year The survey, by the College of Health, shows that obtaining treatment is a postcode lottery for the one in seven couples who need it. While health authorities in Scotland provided 21.5 cycles per 100,000 people great fir last year the figure was just 0.3 strain."

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

in the South West. Waiting times also vary, with some couples seeing a gynaecologist 1-2 weeks after being referred while others wait for three

Caroline Spelman, Conservative MP for Meriden, said: "The National Health Service should be a national service. However, the report shows this is clearly not the case."

Mrs Spelman, who led a Parliamentary adjournment debate on infertility last year, said: "Most patients are either forced to seek private treatment or contribute to some of the cost, placing couples under great financial and emotional

Police

### Far left in bid to run rail union

MILITANT LEFT-WINGERS WII BY BARRIE CLEMENT today mount a challenge for the leadership of the rail industry's biggest union, after their successful campaign to win the top job at the train drivers' union.

Members of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport, Workers (RMT) will receive ballot papers for an election which could usher in a new era of militancy on the rail network and London Underground, Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT and his deputy, Vernon Hince, face a tough electoral battle with left-wingers.

Mr Knapp is being challenged by Greg Tucker, a far-left train driver based at Waterloo who was expelled from the Labour Party in the early Nineties for his activities as a Lambeth councillor

In an interview with the Today programme on BBC Radio 4 yesterday, Mr Tucker indicated that there would be more disruption to services under his leadership, "I think there is a lot of frustration out there on the railways and I think that frustration should be given a lead," be said. Asked if that meant strikes, he said: "One uses the weapon one has

Mr Hince faces opposition from two left-wingers. His prin-cipal opponent is Pat Sikorski, a London Underground driver and senior activist in Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party (SLP). Also standing is Jim Connolly, a railway worker of Glasgow and a former SLP member. There is little doubt that a takeover by the hard left would increase the union's appetite for industrial action rather than negotiation.

Bob Crow, the RMT's current assistant general secretary, is a member of the SLP, and the party can count on the backing of a majority union's rail executive.

Although traditional Labour

Labour Editor

Party supporters in the union argue that members at London Underground have legitimate concerns, they also believe current unrest has been fuelled by a regional council which is dominated by the hard left.

At the train drivers' union, Aslef, the general secretary, Lew Adams, was defeated in a surprise poll result last year by Mick Rix of the SLP To make sure that the



Jimmy Knapp (above) and far-left rival Greg Tucker



process is not repeated in the RMT, Mr Knapp's supporters have mounted a vigorous campaign and secured the support of 110 union branches, compared with 28 that back Mr Tucker. The ballot result is due at the end of next month.

In his election manifesto Mr Knapp said that he would continue the campaign to restore public ownership and oppose the privatisation of London Underground. He also promised to undertake a "rootand-branch overhaul" of the union if elected.

Mr Tucker has written that the union should reassert its own political agenda and demand the repeal of anti-union laws to "unshackle" the unions. He said yesterday: "Our members are being attacked on a daily basis. The whole way that the privatisation of the railways has taken place has meant that the individual railway operating companies need to keep profits up by driving down our members' wages and conditions."

Asked whether he was a Marxist, Mr Tucker said: "I'm a rail worker and I'm basing my position on my experience as a rail worker!

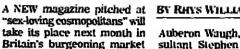
A privatised train company has been ordered to drop its £1 surcharge for telephone ticket sales and to refund affected passengers. The order to Great Western Trains came from the rail regulator, Chris Bolt, who said that the surcharge breached the company's licence.

The Great Western surcharge was introduced on 1 February and has been criticised by West Country passengers and passenger groups. Mr Bolt said yesterday: "Great Western's surcharge breaches both the spirit and the letter of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement between the railway companies and therefore also breaches Great Western

### Erotica blossoms as publishers turn on to sexy sales figures







sign that the nation's appetite for sex remains unsated. Pure will be followed by new erotic fiction imprints from two of Britain's leading pullishing houses - Virgin and Little, Brown - which will focus on

for erotica, its launch a clear

esbian erotica and fetishism. Pure will provide design-led erotica principally for the hcterosexual male, according to its creative director, Mike Lake-Macmillan, and "not all that tits-out-for-the-boys Loaded, FHM stuff, which seems to do nothing more than put an actress in a bra and

The magazine, he said, is looking to take advantage of an apparently increasing desire to indulge sexual whims. In November, Olympia, in west Lon-don. bosted Erotica 98, the second national fair devoted to what some are seeing as a fin de siècle surge in hedonism. "The fair was very successful." he said, "because it presented sexuality to Middle England, and Middle England came out to play."

Erotica is one of the publishing sensations of the decade. Erotic Review began life as an occasional and meagre newsletter from the Erotic Print Society with a print-run of 4,000 copies. In the 12 months since Rowan Pelling, a former contributor to Private Euc and GQ, took over as editor, it has metamor-30,000 and numbering in an above-board way.



Auberon Waugh, design consultant Stephen Bayley and poet Fiona Pitt-Kethley as contributors.

Virgan's success with the nule erotic fiction imprint Nexus prompted it in 1993 to launch Black Lace, a list written by women for wonien that has sold around three nullion books, in May, Virgin will contplete its portfolio with a lesbian imprint called Sappline.

Little, Brown, whose iniprint X Libris has topped half million in sales, is planning a new list, X Rated, specialising in fetishes,

The driving force behind the sector's growth has been young women. X Libris and Black Lace feature dominant females who - after graphic encounters often beginning on page two - end up more powerful and self-aware, "The enlargement of the market is parallel to the growth of cigarettes in the 1860s," said John Sutherland, a professor in modern English at University College London. "It started out as a male preserve but, as with Virginia Slims in America, it has been repackaged once it was found that pornog-

raphy appeals to women." Ms Pelling does not believe the growth in erotica and erotic fiction signals a mass awakening in the nation's primal urges, simply a growing acceptance that it is normal healthy even - to act on those instincts: "The interest in sex has always been there. It's .nwel-

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### Police officers moonlight as nightclub bouncers

POLICE AND prison officers BY IAN BURRELL are moonlighting as bouncers in pubs and nightclubs, prompting fears that they could be corrupted by criminal drugs

The finding comes in a Home Office study aimed at drawing up a national registration scheme for door supervisors in England and Wales. The study has found police officers working on doors in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Leicester and the Home Counties. A team of police bouncers was found to have been looking for work as security guards at the Glastonbury festival in Somerset and other pop festivals last summer.

A network of prison officers from Merseyside has been working the doors of pubs and **Home Affairs Correspondent** 

clubs in Liverpool. Another prison officer, based outside London, is being investigated for running a company supplying bouncers while he was on sick leave from the Prison Service.

Chief constables will be concerned about officers being compromised by the drugs gangs which operate in many clubs. They may also have to take part in their official capacity in day-time raids on venues which they work at in

The moonlighting was uncovered by Constable Andy Smith, who was commissioned by the Home Office's Police Research Group, to carry out a year-long study of the country's door supervisors. His report west had a shared interest in will be presented to the Home hody-building and anabolic Office and the Association of 'steroids. One prison source Chief Police Officers next month. said: "The problems began

According to PC Smith, who works for Humberside Police, officers are taking a huge risk working for clubs. He said: "Police officers cannot moonlight in licensed premises. There are two dangers: they might mix with criminals and they might get injured." He said any officer who was caught

would face being disciplined. PC Smith said the motivation was purely financial. "Police officers are not as well paid as everybody thinks. They have got their mortgages and kids." Some clubs will pay £150 for two weekend shifts," he said. Many of the prison officers

prison officers. One prison officer got charged with hitting someone with a chair." According to PC Smith, the registration of Britain's 100,000 door staff is a haphazard and

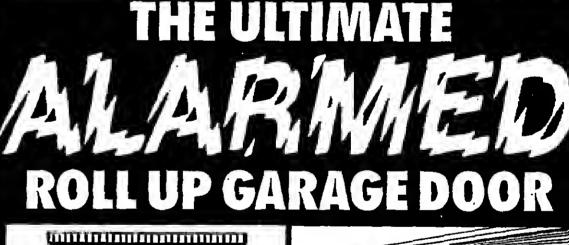
uneven business. Only half the country is covered by such schemes. Typically, a registration badge will cost around £80 for three years. Some door staff have to hold up to 11 separate registration

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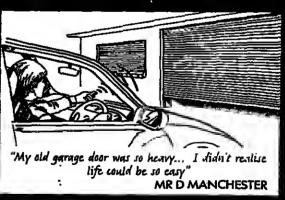
club after a fight and found that

all the bouncers involved were

badges because of the varying requirements of different local working doors in the North-







### National gallery of all 360,000 listed buildings will go online

By CLARE GARNER

PHOTOGRAPHS OF every one of Britain's 360,000 listed buildings, including sheds, pigsties and lavatories, are to go on to the Internet as part of a multimillion-pound Millermium Festival announced yesterday. Lottery fund distributors

have pooled £100m for local and regional millennium projects across the country throughout next year. The festival is expected to provide the largest programme of celebrations mounted in Britain. Chris Smith, Secretary of

State for Culture, Media and Sport, announced £53.7m in grants for more than 1,000 year-long schemes, including a radio station called Youth FM. a nationwide £2.5m youth sports tournament and a children's international environ-



Stonehenge, goal for the group Menter Preseli who have won £100,000 lottery cash for their millennium journey

the National Monuments

Record's (NMR) Images of

England web site, will become

everywhere and a celebration graphic project, costing £3m, for everyone," Mr Smith said at will take several years and, as the International Conference Centre in Birmingham, From April, applications will be invited for grants of up to £5,000 each. the largest free on-line picture The listed-building photo- library in the world. Volunteers

Society will begin taking pictures in August. Nigel Clubb, director of the NMR, said: "Images of England is about the future, not just preserving the past. We

from the Royal Photographic

have harnessed the latest technology to bring together an extraordinary photographic record in a format which is accessible to all."

A £1.7m grant was awarded to an arts festival for Birmingham involving more than 2,000 events in parks, galleries, cafés, cathedrals, mosques, museums, nurseries and nightclubs.

A £55,000 grant went to Millennium Wildlife, an exhibition celebrating the diversity of wildlife that will tour Northern Ireland, and a group aiming to follow in the footsteps of prehistoric man by transporting a four-ton bluestone from west Wales to Stonehenge won

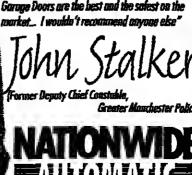
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### Obasanjo's party sweeps elections

anjo, the retired general who is in Kaduna favourite to become Nigeria's first civilian leader for 15 years, swept parliamentary elections at the weekend, it was confirmed yesterday. But his camover his standing ahead of the presidential poll this Saturday.

As final results confirmed that Mr Obasanjo's People's Democratic Party (PDP) last Saturday won a landslide victory in all but the south-west and sparsely populated northwest and north-east, campaign ers expressed concern that his presidential challenger, Olu Falae, might make headway

The PDP is widely seen as "the party of the generals" and is reportedly funded by top brass from former military regimes. Mr Falae's Alliance for Democracy/All People's Party. which is rooted in the south-

west, has fewer resources. Commonwealth election monitors said the weekend elections to the House of Reppassed without incident. But European Union observers reported "serious irregularities", particularly in the tense oil-pro-ducing areas of the south, including Bayelsa and Port Harcourt, where stuffed ballot boxes had been found.

However, the overall impression of Saturday's voting was of a low turn-out, especially by women. Nigeria, ruled by military dictators for all but 10 of its 39 years of independence from Britain, knows only centralisation and local politics.

In such a climate, voters may have found it hard to relate to parliamentary candidates. Also, after local and guberna-

and January, many feel weary desert nature and travellers' sition programme drawn up by General Abdulsalam Abubakar, next Saturday's presidential elections will lead to a hand over to civilian rule on 29 May.

Isyaku Ibrahim, a PDP official in the capital, Abuja, yesterday for an Obasanjo fund raiser, said the PDP remained confident of victory but was concerned at how eastern Nigeria would vote on Saturday. "If anything, we are slipping at the moment in the east.

"It is now becoming an election which is perceived as the military-man versus the nonmilitary man," be said.

All the polls to date have taken place against a background of boundaries drawn by the military which favour the dominated north. Statistically,

out. The presidential elections, in which boundaries are less of a factor, could therefore produce a result which does not reflect trends to date.

General Obasanjo, who yes-terday staged a rally in Kaduna a sedate city which is a favoured seat of retired generals - is not expected to win more than 20 per cent of votes in the populous south-west. Kaduna, however, should be a walkover. He will almost cercentre-north of the country which is Hausa-Fulani and under strong influence of traditional

Neither candidate is popular in the east. Pini Jason, a political commentator from the east, said: "We have a reputation for voting for whoever



General Olusegun Obasango addresses a crowd in Minna, northera Nigeria, yesterday. The former military leader

is standing for president in elections next Saturday

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### 'Greece fed weapons to

Turkey's government wanted in its war of words with Greece rebel Abdullah Ocalan.

A Turkish newspaper, Hurriyet, said he had told interrogators Greece supplied his Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) with arms. The claim may embarrass the European Union, which yesterday called on Turkey to give Mr Ocalan a fair trial and to let international observers attend, as Greece is a member of the bloc.

"Greece has supported the PKK for years," the paper quoted Mr Ocalan as saying. weapons and rockets." According to the article he said Greece supplied him with the false Cypriot passport with which he travelled to Kenya and supplied the PKK with training

The rebel leader, who was snatched from Kenya by Turkish special forces last week, is being interrogated before his trial. Turkey blames him for 37,000 deaths in the PKK's 14year campaign to win Kurdish autonomy in south-east Turkey.

"Greece should be added to the list of countries that support terrorism and harbour terrorsts," the Turkish President, Suleyman Demirel, according to Turkey's semi-official Anatolia News Agency. "A country like that can only be de-

But there were sceptical reactions to the claims, which dovetail with routine Turkish government propaganda about Greece. Interrogations like Mr Ocalan's are supposed to be secret. When his former deputy. Semdin Sakik, was captured and interrogated last year, similar reports emerged claiming he had linked several prominent critics of Turkey's Kurdish policy with the PKK. No prosecutions have been brought in connection with the allegations. Hurriyet has close links with

scribed as an outlaw state."

statement calling on Turkey to ensure Mr Ocalan receives a

fair trial ■ Belgium threatened sancor Turkish institutions abroad

The Interior Minister, Luc Van Den Bossche, who summoned Med-TV to his office on Sunday, told Belgian radio yesterday: "Whenever there was trouble in recent months (Med-TV) called for calm; now suddenly they are sending a broadcast into the world calling

gium with a British licence.

# Kurd rebels'

IT WAS exactly the ammunition BY JUSTIN HUGGLER

Turkey's establishment, Since the capture of Mr Ocalan, who was staying at the Greek embassy in Nairobi, Turkey has turned up the heat on Greece. At the weekend the Foreign Minister, Ismail Cem, urged the EU to examine Greece's role in sheltering Mr Ocalan.

Greece's new Foreign Minister, George Papandreou, urged the EU to take a strong stance on Turkey's treatment

of its Kurdish minority. EU foreign ministers reported to be preparing



Ocalan: Quoted as saying Greece gave PKK arms

tions against the Kurdish television station Med-TV, warning lt not to transmit more calls inciting violence against Turkey Reuters reports.

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Med-TV transmits from Bel-

#### IN BRIEF

#### US bombs Iraqi defence sites

AMERICAN WARPLANES bombed Iraqi military sites yesterday after being targeted by Iraqi radar in the yesterday and being targeted by train radar in the northern "no-fly" zone, the US military said. Iraq said US warplanes attacked Iraqi defence sites in the north and south, killing one civilian in the south.

#### Earthquake hits Russia

AN EARTHQUAKE registering 5.5 on the measurement scale struck southern Russia, killing one person and injuring 20 others. The tremor hit on Sunday night, with the epicenter about 40 miles west of Makhachkala, a city oo the western coast of the Caspian Sea.

#### South African crime figures rise

CAR HLJACKING in South Africa, which had dropped slightly is up again. It rose by 13 per cent - 31.3 hijackings per 100,000 people in 1997 to 35.5 in 1998. Possession of illegal weapons was up nearly 10 per cent. The rise is thought to be due to a downturn in the economy.

#### Mauritius riots over singer's death

AROUND 2,000 protesters in Mauritius went on the rampage and ransacked three police stations after a reggae singer, Kaya, who had been arrested for smoking marijuana, died in jail. He was arrested for smoking marijuana at a rally to decriminalise the drug.

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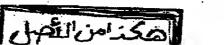


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BY MORT ROSENBLUM

THE GOOD news across France is that hunting for sangher - the beloved wild boar - is terrific. Just about all other news re-

lated to the animals ranges from bad to catastrophic. They're destroying every thing," grumbled Jeannot Romana, a farmer in Provence. Wheat fields, fences, everything. It's a plague of pigs.

In one year alone, the Fren

ch authorities have paid \$20m

(£12.5m) to indemnify farmers

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### Army of farmers in violent clashes

TWELVE PEOPLE were arrested and 12 police officers injured in Brussels during violent clashes between protesting farmers and riot police yesterday, despite a massive security operation which threw a cordon of barbed wire around the heart of the Belgian capital.

More than 30,000 farmers, mostly from France, Belgium and Germany, laid siege to the city to protest about European Union agricultural reforms which they say will reduce their incomes. The protests came as farm ministers from the EU's 15 member states gathered to debate radical European Commission plans to cut guaranteed prices for cereals, beef and dairy products by up to 30 per cent to prepare the bloc for its enlargement and a new round of world trade talks.

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The marchers, some of wbom uprooted trees and hurled objects including firecrackers, rocks and cans, were met with tear gas and water cannon by around 5,000 riot police. Although organisers claimed around 50,000 farmers took part in the demonstration, police put the number closer to

Even before the tear gas was fired Brussels looked like a war zone, the five-lane highway which runs through its centre blocked off with barbedBy STEPHEN CASTLE AND KATHERINE BUTLER in Brussels

and armoured vehicles. All the time, police helicopters hovered noisily overhead

The Belgian police took every precaution. The entire EU quarter was sealed off, schools, shops, creches, offices and metro stations were closed. and staff of the European Commission were given the option of taking the day off. Consequently the main Commission building was deserted.

A stone throw's away, the Cinquantenaire park where the protesters gathered was ringed with police and cordoned off with barbed wire. In the biting wind and rain, speeches began as the crowds massed in the words of one French demonstrator, unmistakable evidence of the fraternité of Europe's farmers. The march began with the French in the vanguard, many dressed in yellow capes, hlowing shrill whistles, chanting, and spraying firecrackers around like confetti. The banners were out: "Santer tu nous enterre" (Santer you are burying us) and "Pas de pays, sans les paysans" (No country without

the peasants). Others carried black flags picturing a crossed plough and sword. "Sometimes we have to



said Rudolf Bleeker, a farmer from northern Germany. As they progressed down a side street away from the Schuman roundabout, tear gas and water canon was fired as rocks, cans and fire-crackers rained in on some of the police.

Towards the back of the line

about 30 had made the journey, rather less than the Finnish contingent, and the group included most of the top brass of the National Farmers' Union.

"This is not normally the British way of doing things," confessed Michael Lambert, chairman of the NFU milk comof protesters, the British con-mittee, "while European govtingent was doing its best not ernments pay some attention to. of the Welsh NFU, said he was to look too incongruous. Only this sort of thing, the British . not surprised so few had made

wants to go home on Friday

telling his own farmers they

In Britain's case the Queen's

envoys, led by Nick Brown, are

negotiating to defend big land-

have to take the biggest hit.

government usually does not." His colleague, Rod Thomas, chairman of an equally highpowered committee, agreed the "Gallic style" was rather different: "We have our own way

of doing things. We are a rep-

resentative contingent. The French do it their way." . Hugh Richards, president

for us it means a Channel crossing." He had not, he added, considered stocking up on fire crackers: "it would be difficult bringing them through The extraordinary level of

the journey: "They can all drive,

security came in for attack from Belgian farmers who claimed they were being treat- official was hit in the leg by

in the city. In early 1971, when farmers last staged a demonstration of such a size, mounted police charged rioting protestors, scores of people were injured, and one demonstrator died. In 1992, during a smaller

numbers shot up, but the hybrids love truffles. es between farmers and police Last year's parched sum mer, gatherers report, also killed off many plants that feed the boar. The animals were forced to dig deep for truffles, or anything else that they could The National Hunting Office estimates the French boar pop-

ulation at 700,000, nine times the total 25 years ago, despite a kill of 322,000 in 1997 and an even greater number – still not tallied – in 1998. "They tear up vineyards,

gardens, crops, and you can't keep them out," said Yvon pellier, 250 miles west of Auns. He blames hunters for de-

stroying a natural balance. A pure sanglier female had one litter a year of perhaps three piglets, but bybrids can reproduce twice a year, with up to 20 babies in all, he said.

Florence Ferte, who hunts stags on horseback and follows the plight of game closely, recently visited friends near Aix-en-Provence and found the luncheon party was increased by six. "Right there at the pool, a mother sanglier trotted up with ber five babies following behind," she said, "They acted

### Agricultural policy is ripped up by the roots



Nick Brown: Defending

million very different individuals, ranging from the Queen down to the lowliest Greek goat producer are being fought over as European agriculture ministers go into battle in Brussels

Founded at a time when memories of Second World War food rationing were still fresh, the highly wasteful Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is in. It costs £30bn a year, nearly

half the total European Union budget, and is responsible for generating millions of tonnes of surplus beef, grain and milk which have to be dumped on

in Brussels

world markets at a buge cost to

taxpayers, not to mention the higher cost of food in our shops. Now with big, poor agricul-

tural nations like Poland and the Czech Republic queuing up to join, a buge crisis for the entire system of EU financing is looming. Extending the CAP with its artificially high food desperate need of a shake up. prices and lavish "cheque in the post" payments to countries where farming is still at the horse and cart stage would simply bankrupt the Union. But while every EU govern-

owners, such as the Queen and the Prince of Wales, against proposals for an annual ceiling on the amount of direct cash aid any one farmer can receive. About 4,000 British farms

would be hit by proposals to begin limiting subsidies once £100,000 a year has been claimed. A handful of British farms each year casb EU cheques worth around £1.5m. ment recognises the need to Apart from the proposed

to fear from the European Commission's proposals. They would slash prices by 30 per cent but this would be good news for intensive producers capable of competing with Americans and Australians on world export markets.

But the plans are bad news for smallholders, hill farmers, the environment, food quality and the traditional European family farm.

France, the traditional champion of the CAP and its biggest beneficiary, is incensed by what it sees as Germany's betraval. In a dramatic break with an almost four-decade-

ernment of Chancellor Gerhard Schröder is demanding that part of the cost of subsidising farmers must be borne directly by taxpayers in the member states. This proposal to devolve, or re-nationalise, part of the CAP budget would strike at the heart of the 36year-old policy, and some say at

defence of farmers, the gov-

a pillar of the Union itself. In an attempt to deflect the Germans, the French are countering this week with plans to curb the level of direct aid farmers would receive over time. Cutting payments would represent a dramatic shift, par-

still clinging to its demand for "co-financing", a move which seems guaranteed to provoke a French veto. With the firecrackers and chants of French farmers ringing in their ears French ministers will have enormous difficulty returning to Paris at the end of this week if they have signed up to the dismantlement of the CAP as we know it. Yet in the new climate of Euroscepticism in Germany,

now seen as the only way to

mollify a German public fed up

last night, however, Bonn was

As the negotiations opened

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nothing less, it seems, will do. | like they owned the place."(AP)

### Kosovo peace talks falter as ethnic Albanians balk at disarmament

AS NEW and fierce fighting broke out in northern Kosovo yesterday, the US piled the pressure on ethnic Albanians to sign up to the proposed peace agreement and save the faltering Rambouillet conference

from total collapse. But, less than 24 hours before today's deadline of 1400 GMT, Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, appeared to be making only the slowest of progress.

And without the assent of the Albanians, it is impossible to get Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslav President, where Washington wants him, facing a stark choice between the acceptance of Nato peace keepers or the certainty of allied airstrikes. There are two big stumbling

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blocks for the Kosovo Albanians: the plans to disarm the Kosovo Liberation Army, which has led the bloody guerrilla war against Belgrade for the last year, and the absence from the final draft document of any mention of a referendum that would guarantee the indepen-Pence the Albanians are seek-ing. Last night General Wesley BY RUPERT CORNWELL

Clark, Nato's supreme commander in Europe, arrived unexpectedly in Rambouillet, apparently to reassure the Albanians that they would be adequately protected by the alliance even without the KLA, and even if - as seems increasingly possible - a peace keeping force contained a large contingent of Russians, tradi-

Albanians accept the big

28,000 NATO troops would be

new constitution would be in-

troduced amid preparations

for elections in nine months.

Some sanctions would be

lifted on Yugoslavia. Kosovo

would receive International

If the Albanians accept

but the Serbs do not

deployed in Kosovo, and a

powers' peace plan

tional allies of the Serbs. Yes-terday Igor Ivanov, the Russian Foreign Minister, raised this very option by declaring that Russian troops could join the force if it was authorised by the United Nations and had the ap-

proval of Belgrade. But Nato's line, reiterated at the alliance's Brussels headquarters yesterday, is that the 28,000-strong force must be Nato-led and unencumbered

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

If both Serbs and ethnic Nato air strikes against Yu- the West would restart the

If the Serbs accept, but the

THE WESTERN nightmare. The

Kosovars would be told they

have to face the Yugoslav army

alone, with the near certainty

If both the Serbs and the

RAMBOUILLET WOULD have

of massive bloodshed.

Albanians refuse

THIS WOULD open the way to been a complete failure, and

Albanians do not

Nato protection for Kosovo. scratch.

goslav targets, and guarantee search for a solution from

by any type of "dual key" arrangement which fatally undermined the Western troops supposed to keep the peace in Bosnia before the 1995 accord.

The Serbs, meanwhile, continued their strategy of trying to separate the political and military parts of the deal, and play upon Western divisions over the use of force, growing more obvious as the final negotiating showdown approaches. Speak-

If the Albanians accept, and

the Serbs say 'Yes, but...'

THE TRICKIEST of all for the

West, Suppose Mr Milosevic

agrees to the political side,

but says he wants UN, not

Nato peacekeepers? The

West says the package is all-

or-nothing. But can we real-

ly bomb Belgrade over a

dispute about who keeps

ing before another session with Mrs Albright yesterday, Milan Milutinovic, the Serbian President, said Belgrade might be ready to talk about foreign troops once a political agreement granting autonomy but not independence for Kosovo had been reached.

That would be the ultimate quandary for the West: what to do if Mr Milosevic signed up to the political agreement and put foward suggestions for a peacekeeping force, less di-rectly controlled by Nato? Almost certainly Italy, and perhaps France, would oppose any airstrikes.

As the frantic diplomacy continued in France, it was fighting as usual in the southern Balkans. Yugoslav armour and KLA fighters clashed for more than three bours near Vucitra, north of Pristica, sending hundreds of civilians fleeing for their lives.

And, in a sign that hostilities may be about to intensify, it was reported in Kosovo that the KLA had chosen Suleiman Selimi, 29, a radical hardliner, as its supreme commander.



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#### Melting snow brings lethal floods to Germany diverting some of the water to Saar burst its banks, and river the 9-metre mark today at the

THE RECORD snowfalls of re- By IMRE KARACS cent weeks in Western Europe wrought havoc in Germany yesterday as swollen rivers flooded towns along their banks. Two people were swept to their deaths, and forecasters said worse was to come. In the past few days, water

m Berlin

from the melting snow has been cascading into German rivers. The Rhine was yesterday flowing from the Alps at five times its normal February volsouth German city of Karlsruhe for the first time this

Two flood plains which were opened up at the weekend to divert the torrent were already halffull. French engineers were Makeshift dykes erected to

protect buildings in the ancient university town of Heidelberg were crumbling under the force of the River Neckar. ume, and is expected to reach hoping to avert the danger by the Mosel were inundated, the ed over south-west Germany.

traffic stopped in much of southern Germany Weather reports brought

news of more heavy rain in Switzerland, where parts of Basel stood under water. More Streets of the wine villages of rain, sleet and snow is expect-

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### Riding the last Russian tank out of Jalalabad

STREET LIFE

SAMOTECHNY LANE

WAR VETERANS laid wreaths for his red setter, Richard, cences are boring to those across Russia last Monday to watching a television documark the 10th anniversary of mentary about the war. the completion of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. I found myself in spirit with these Russian men in their for- Soviet propaganda term for ties-from poor invalids to Gen- service in Afghanistan, and eral Alexander Lebed - for I, handed him some grapes. too, was in Afghanistan, as a reporter on the tank convoy that asked Oleg who, like most vet-

brance ceremonies, 1 decided to call on my friend, Colonel Oleg Kulakov. He was sitting in his bachelor flat, alone except,

"Congratulations oo fulfilling your 'international duty'," I said, in ironic reference to the "What is there to celebrate?" started the nine-month pullout. erans, admits that Soviet inviet soldiers used to call the After the official remem- terference in Afghanistan was a mistake. "But it's great to see elusive Muslim guerrillas. Oleg grew up in Minsk Aroyou anyway. Come in. I'll put

the kettle on." Old veterans' reminiswho did not share the experience. Indeed, both Oleg and I have moved on since the war

and neither of us dwells on the he was an unsuspecting stu-was injured three times in war. conflict. Yet, on this occasion, we both enjoyed a self-indulguage. Then the Politburo sent gent chat about operations in troops to Kabul, From 1980-82 the Panshir Valley. Oleg got his and again from 1986 until the maps out and it was as if we pullout, he found himself in demand as a military translator were back there, fighting the dushmani or ghosts, as the Soin Afghanistan

Now he is Professor of Geopolitics at Moscow's Military University. He has not been mantic attraction to the Orient paid properly for months, but that is nothing to a man who led him to Afghanistan. In 1979,

dent of the exotic Dari lan- His wounds were all classified as "light", although one nearly cost him his sight. A bullet went through his eyebrow, porters on the trip. Only later did missing his eye by millimetres. He was lucky. Some of his comrades were not. He still finds it painful to talk about friends who died.

For Oleg, as for me, however, the experience was not one of total horror. We both remembers country of stunning physical beauty and life will never again be as intense.

I rode in the tank convoy that began the pullout from the southern city of Jalalahad in May 1988. The general in charge was reluctant to take female re-I realise why. We had to pass through the Black Mountains. which were in the hands of the mujahedin who would not guarantee safe passage. We could not stop. The men urinated merrily from atop the moving

thoughts of mortality.

This was mild discomfort and slight risk, of course, compared with what Oleg went through, translating in the heat of battle. He knew Pavel Grachev, the former Russian defence minister, during the war and was a close friend of Ruslan Aushey, now President of the Caucasian region of Ingueshetia.

But when Oleg came home, nobody wanted to hear his stories. "It was hurtful," he said. "but it was easier for me as an officer than for the ordinary sol-

diers. Theoretically, I knew I should expect indifference." He knows better than to

hope for financial help from the bankrupt Russian state. "I must rely on myself. I'm building up a business, doing translations for private clients." From time to time he

speaks at international conferences on Afghanistan. "We should not forget Afghanistan. Since the Taliban came to power, Afghanistan has become a black hole. It is a danger to our common security." HELEN WOMACK

### Seoul to free Cold War 'spy' after 40 years

MORE THAN 40 years after his capture as a Communist soldier, the world's longest-serving political prisoner will be released this week in an amnesty announced yesterday

Woo Yong Gak will be among 1,500 prisoners freed on Thursday to mark the first anniversary of the inauguration of the South Korean President, Kim Dae Jung. More than 7,000 others will receive pardons and the restoration of their civil rights.

"The amnesty was granted to create harmony among the Korean people and give an opportunity to everyone to participate in an effort to help the economy recover," said South Korea's Justice Minister, Park Sang Cheon, when making the announcement.

Woo, 71, was a North Korean soldier when he was captured in a military boat off the east coast of the peninsula in July 1958, at the height of the Korean Cold War.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment for spying. He might have expected parole after 18 years but he belonged

BY RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

munism. The six men arrested with him have died or been released, but since his late twenties Woo has been kept in

He says that after his arrest held in a freezing underground chamber, later with electric shocks. He has had few visitors during his four decades in prison, but religious leaders and human-rights activists who have met him say he suffers from facial paralysis and speech impairment as the result of a stroke.

Like the 17 other long-term prisoners who will also be released on Thursday, Woo could have gained his liberty a year ago when the newly elected President Kim, a former democracy activist who was himself imprisoned for political crimes by South Korea's former military dictators, announced

his first amnesty. But even then there was a condition: to claim amnesty, prisoners had to sign a document promising to obey South known as "the unconverted", plication, the country's anti- should release all prisoners of who refused to renounce Com- Communist legislation. The conscience."

condition, intended to placate South Korean conservatives, disappointed many of President Kim's own supporters. Woo and the 17 others refused to sign, and yesterday were

granted unconditional amnesty. North Koreans captured by he was tortured, first by being the South sometimes refuse to co-operate because they fear that their families in the North will be persecuted. "It's inhumane to insist that they sign the oath, because we know that will put their families in danger," Mr Park said.

The fate of the men after their release is uncertain, but Mr Park indicated that they might be returned to North Korea in return for 300 elderly South Koreans captured during the 1950-53 Korean War.

"We cannot reveal the plans at present," he said. The Minkahyup human-rights organisation welcomed the announcement hut said it came "too late [for] long-term prisoners who are mostly sick from confinement and torture".

"There are some 200 prisoners of conscience still in jail," the group said in a statement.



Ambulance officers tending to a victim following the fatal shooting in Wollongong yesterday

Andy Zakel

#### 'Random' shooting kills man, injures 8

BY JAKE LYNCH in Sydney

AUSTRALIAN POLICE are hunting a gunman who killed one man and injured eight people, including a nine-yearold boy, in a high street.

The man walked down a crowded shopping street in Wollongong, 62 miles south of Sydney, yesterday afternoon before firing a shot gun twice. Witnesses said they saw one man lying face down on the pavement with injuries to his back. Other people were hit hy pellets and flying glass.

Amhulances took seven people to hospital. Doctors pronounced one man dead on arrival. Police said the victim was 33 and lived locally.

The killer got into a white Toyota Landeruiser, which sped off, driven by a second person. Commander Jim Baillie said that the gunman had stubble on his chin and wore khaki trousers.

The shots were fired outside the Regent Cinema. Police said that as far as they could tell the attack was random and they knew nothing about the dead man which might have made him a target. "We have got no information to give us a motive at this time," Commander Baillie said. One man was detained for questioning tiv after the police said he was not being treated as a suspect.

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#### **BRIEFING**

Levi to close 11 US jeans plants LEVI STRAUSS & CO, the San Francisco jeans giant, is to close 11 of its 22 North American manufacturing plants and

lay off about 5,900 staff following poor results. The company said the closures were part of a series of strategic steps by its American division to improve its competitiveness by moving its manufacturing operations over-seas, where labour costs are lower. The move comes a week after Levi, which also owns the Dockers brand of clothing, reported a 13 per cent slump in sales from \$6.9bn

to \$6bn last year, largely as a result of weak sales of jeans. It said shifting manufacturing out of the US and Canada would lead to greater flexibility and lower costs. "These steps are crucial if we are to remain competitive," said John Ermatinger, president



of Levis Strauss in the Ameri Air Françe shares rise 15% in debut

AROUND 2.5 MILLION investors who bought Air France shares saw them rise 15 per cent in value yesterday as the airline made its market debut on the Paris Bourse after its partial privatisation by the French government.

The 20.7 per cent stake offered for sale to investors closed at 16.10 euros, valuing the entire airline at 3.15 billion euros. The French government promised to sell the stake in exchange for European Commission approval for a 20 billion FrFr rescue package for the ailing national carrier. Nearly 2.5 million individuals bought shares in float. In Milan, Alitalia shares were suspended before the official opening following renewed talk of a link up with Air France, which would also include Alitalia's partners KLM and Continental, KLM has denied the rumours.

First National to cut London jobs AROUND 180 jobs are to go at the London offices of First National Bank of Chicago as a result of a decision in the wake of the bank's merger with rival Bank One last year to

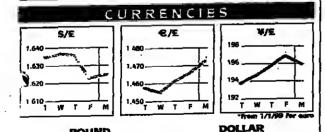
pull out of the over-the-counter derivatives market. The bank intends to concentrate on servicing large US corporates or Europeans with substantial US operations. The bank currently employs 500 staff. The bank is also cut-

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Source: Thomas Cook

### HSBC profits slump by 19% as Asian crisis hits Warburg



John Bond, group chairman of HSBC, yesterday: "The year ahead promises to be another challenging year"

19 per cent to \$6.57bn last year as worsening problems in Asia forced the world's biggest bank to raise its bad debt provisions by \$1.62bn to \$2.64bn - its high-

John Bond, the HSBC chairman, said the bank was badly hit in the second half by probzero growth this year.

He said that while he remains confident of Asia's prospects in the long term, he could not rule out the possibil-ity of "further setbacks" this

The bank has also witnessed a sharp deterioration in its loan portfolios in Thailand and Indonesia, although in Korea, where the group yesterday sealed a \$900m deal to buy

PROFITS AT HSBC slumped By ANDREW GARFIELD Financial Editor

> control of Seoul Bank, HSBC believes the worst may now be

Mr Bond said: "The year

flecting the collapse in the propgenerally, provisions were increased by \$1bn to cover exposures to large corporates in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thai-

HSBC announced plans to seek a New York listing in ad-

ahead promises to to be an- inated stock HSBC will, for the

lems in Malaysia and in Hong formance of the US economy shares. markable record of sustained

In Hong Kong new specific provisions rose by \$689m reerty market. For Asia-Pacific

dition to its current dual listings in London and Hong Kong. The bank is also scrapping its two-tier share structure and re-

placing the current Hong Kong dollar and sterling shares with one class of US dollar denomother challenging year and first time in its history, be seekmuch will depend on the pering authorisation to buy back its

> gestions that the decision to go for a US quote signalled that the bank was limbering up for a major American banking deal. Mr Bond said the New York listing would give the bank ac-

> cess to the largest pool of capital in the world and enhance the liquidity of the bank's shares. HSBC has suffered consid-

erable share price volatility in the past because of technical shortages in Hong Kong dollar tive of Midland Bank, which is

denominated stock. The move should also in-

crease the proportion of US institutional shareholders on HSBC's register. Mr Bond said the bank was seeking to learn the lessons of

and centralising risk control. The group has set itself a tarholders return within five years. The group will "benchmark" itself against a peer group of nine major international banks including Citigroup, Lloyds-TSB,

Deutsche Bank and Chase. It is also taking a \$180m provision to cover the cost of relocating staff from its 12 sites around the City of London to its new home in Canary Wharf.

Bill Dalton, the chief execu-

that the tough year in Asia "was a strong vindication" of HSBC's decision to buy Midland

being rebranded as HSBC, said

While st group level the rise in bad debt provisions more last year's losses by tightening than wiped out the growth at up on credit control procedures operating level, in the UK, Midland reported a 7 per cent rise to £1.745bn.

provision to cover the impact of the pensions review and a £72m rise in bad and doubtful debts. With these and other one-offs stripped out underlying profits were up 22 per cent, Mr Dalton said.

Midland contributed 38 per cent of profits, up from 31 per cent last year, taking over from Hong Kong Bank for the first time as the largest single profits generator within the group.

year. The dollar reached a

record high against the euro, hit-

ting \$1.096 in morning trading in

London. The euro, which has

been undermined by persistent

concerns sbout European

growth, has now fallen by more

than 6 per cent against the dol-

lar since the start of the year. The strength in the dollar also

benefited the pound. Sterling

closed at 67.98 pence to the

euro, just off its day's highs. But analysts said the pound's

strength was unlikely to be sus-

tainable, given the weak short-

day suggested the UK econom-

ic slowdown could soon be past

its worst. The NTC Research

leading indicator of economic ac-

tivity registered a small increase

for the fourth successive month,

Two new studies out yester-

term outlook for the UK.

# in fees

By Francesco Guerrera AND NIGEL COPE

WARBURG DILLON Read, the City investment bank, will lose broker fees of £7m in the embar rassing failure of the flotation of William Hill, the UK's second largest bookmaker.

Warburg had not looked for a buyer after the issue ran into weak institutional interest. The inaction prompted Nomura, the Japanese bank which owns the bookmaker, to take the ini-tiative and sell William Hill to Cinven and CVC, the venture capital groups, for £825ns.

The deal was clinched on Saturday afternoon by Guy Hands, head of Nomura's Principal Finance Group, with the help of Schroders, a rival merchant bank.

Mr Hands, who bought William Hill from the ailing conglomerate Brent Walker for £730m in 1997, phoned Cinven from his holiday in Barbados and informed Warburg of the sale minutes before the public announcement.

Warburg was the lead manager of the issue, sharing the £13m total commission with Deutsche Bank, Cazenove and BT Alex.Brown.

Weak support forced an offer price cut to 135p from the original 155p to 175p. The new price, valuing William Hill at £780m including debt, did little to boost City futerest in the shares and the float was pulled.

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Insiders said Warburg was likely to get some payment from Nomuca, "much less" than the original fee. They said the bank did not look for a

#### HAUNTED BY £20 DOUBLE

WILLIAM HILL could be forced to pay out £275m if the 90,000 punters who have missed its stockmarket flotation win one of the most difficult bets of the racing season.

The bookmaker has given each retail investor who subscribed for the listing a £20 voucher to bet a "Spring Double", on the Grand National and

the Lincoln Handicap. William Hill yesterday quoted the odds for the two favourites to win the most likely event - at 152-1. A correct £20 bet on the two horses - Double Thriller at the National and Right Wing at Lincoln - would net a share-

holder over £3,000. Such a win is "nearly impossible", say experts, but given the potential payout William Hill would lay off some of the risk.

buyer because it had been hired to carry out the float and not to sell the bookmaker. Warburg declined to comment

Different action was taken by Dresder Kleinwort Benson in the float of the supermarket chain Somerfield, in August 1996. The broker was twice forced to cut the issue price due

to weak institutional demand. Then Kleinwort Benson approached other potential buyers such as Tesco and Safeway to see if a higher price could be

In that case, no other bids were forthcoming, which demonstrated that the issue price, even in its reduced form, was the best that could be achieved in the market.

#### EC tells Mobil | Confident G7 pushes to quit BP deal dollar to record high the yen could rebound later this

THE EUROPEAN Commission By MICHAEL HARRISON will order Mobil to sell its share Business Editor of a joint petrol-retailing venture with BP Amoco in return for approval of its \$86bn merger with the rival US oil giant Exxon. The 30 per cent stake is

worth an estimated \$2bn. The decision by Brussels is likely to play into the hands of BP Amoco which would dearly like full control of the joint

It was widely expected that Exxon-Mobil would be forced to dispose of its share in the joint venture following last year's merger announcement.

The BP-Mobil joint venture has an estimated 11 per cent of the European petrol market. With Exxon, the two groupings would control 20 per cent of the market, giving rise to a situation where competition

could be compromised. EC officials are thought to owned by BP Amoco. have been concerned about the 80 per cent share of the German natural gas market that if the deal were allowed to go parties.

NEW YORK encouraged Footsie to

move higher. The blue chip index

spending much of the session in

It was, however, a lacklustre

session with trading falling below

share buy-back of up to £2bn lifted

Unilever, the Anglo Dutch detergents and foods giant, 42p to

recovered some of last week's loss

negative territory. Supporting

shares also made headway,

recent high levels. Hopes of a

625.5p and British Aerospace

with a 19p gain to 421p.

ended 38.7 points up at 6,069.9 after

LONDON

through without disposals. The BP-Mobil joint venture, formed in 1996, operates 8,900 service stations and has 925,000 barrels a day of refining capacity. BP controls 70 per cent of the petrol-retailing part of the ven-ture and Mobil has a 51 per cent share of its much smaller inbricants operations.

BP contributed \$3.4bn of assets to the venture and Mobil put in \$1.6bn, valuing the business at \$5bn. The profitability of the joint venture has improved, increasing its value.

Although BP Amoco does not have any first right of refusal to buy out Mobil's stake, analysts question how many other bidders would be interested in paying \$2bn for a business which was 70 per cent

But Mobil insiders insist it will not be forced to sell its stake on the cheap, indicating that Exxon-Mobil would command there will be interest from other

NEW YORK

TAKEOVER FEVER sent US

stocks higher, with the Dow Jones up 139.95 points at 9,479.9

Investor sentiment was

Technologies, the jet engine

maker Sundstrand. Sempra

buy KN Energy, a US gas

company, for \$5bn.

manufacturer, said it would pay

Energy, Canada's largest natural

gas company, announced plans to

\$4.3bn for the aerospace parts

boosted by news of two major

by lunch-time yesterday.

takeover deals. United

THE DOLLAR hit a record high BY LEA PATERSON against the euro yesterday, and soared to a two-and-a-half month high against the yen, after Group of Seven ministers

appeared unconcerned at the US currency's recent strength. The surge in the dollar also benefited the pound, which hit a new high against the euro in early London trading. Currency dealers had feared that finance ministers from the world's seven leading industrialised nations -

who met in Bonn on Saturday would hint that they would like to see the dollar weaken. But the communiqué released after the summit reaffirmed current exchange rate policy, namely to "promote exchange rates among major currencies that are in line with economic fundamentals".

Paul Meggyesi, currency analyst at Deutsche Bank, said: "The perception is that the G7 is The dollar was also boosted

happy to see a stronger dollar." by speculation that Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, could hint at markets, also helped push the higher interest rates in his bian-dollar lower. Mr Sakakibara said

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

TOKYO STOCKS closed sharply

the pressure off Japanese

higher, amid hopes that the yen's

exporters. The Nikkei 225 index

closed up 158.63 points - or 1.13

per cent - at 14,256.67. Traders

expressed relief that G7 finance

boost the Japanese currency at

Global manufacturers were

among the major gainers, with

Honda up 3.25 per cent and Canon

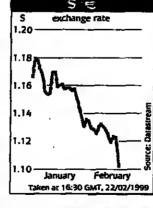
their weekend summit.

up 1.72 per cent.

ministers did not hint at actions to

slide against the dollar would take

8 TOKYO



mony, which begins today. The US currency hit 122.53 yen, a two-and-a-half month

high, before falling back to 120.44 amid late trade profit-taking. Comments from Eisuke Sakakibara, the Japanese finance official known as "Mr Yen" for his impact on currency

nual Humphrey Hawkins testi-

uggesting that growth will start to recover by the end of the year. The Credit Card Research Group also said credit card expenditure reached £9.5bn last month, 13 per cent up on Jan-

announcement.

HONG KONG **HONG KONG stocks closed** marginally lower, with investors cantious ahead of HSBC's annual earnings

The banking giant HSBC, which reported a 19 per cent drop in pre-tax profit shortly after the Hong Kong market closed, is a major constituent of the benchmark Hang Seng share index.

Yesterday, the Hang Seng closed 24.78 points, or 0.27 per cent, lower at 9,229.34.

#### MILAN

THE MILAN bourse outperformed all other European exchanges yesterday, with the market boosted by news of a \$59bn takeover bid for Telecom Italia. Italy's largest telecoms company, by Olivetti, its smaller rival. \* The Milan Mib30 index ended 3.24 per cent higher at 35,497. Shares in Telecom Italia soared 9.05 per cent to 9.86 euros, just below Olivetti's offer price of 10

Olivetti shares dropped 6.69 per cent to 3 euros.

### Investors cool on Olivetti's daring bid to take over Telecom Italia

By PETER THAL LARSEN

OLIVETTI MAY have to raise its offer for Telecom Italia after its audacious 53bn Euro (£36bn) hostile bid for the former Italfered a lukewarm reception ian state telecom operator suffrom investors yesterday.

At the end of the first day of trading since Olivetti first announced its hid on Saturday, shares in Telecom Italia were up 9 per cent at 9.85 Euros –just short of Olivetti's offer, pitched at 10 Euros per share.

Unease at Olivetti's buge task of attempting to take over a company worth more than five times its size left shares in the former typewriter and computer maker down almost 7 per cent at 3 Euros.

This is a cheap bid and Olivetti will have to raise it if they have any bope of getting their hands on Telecom," said Paolo Perrella, an analyst at ABN Amro. "A bid of between 12 and 13 euros would be more acceptable to sbareholders."

Investors also expressed doubts about the structure of Olivetti's offer. Although the company is proposing to sell its existing telecom operations to Mannesmann, the German giant, for approximately 7bn Euros to help fund the bid it will still have to take on a mountain of debt, Olivetti plans to borrow 20bn Euros from a consortium of banks, while issuing bonds worth a further 13bn Euros.

Telecom has termed the bid "void" and asked the stock market regulator to rule it out

But stock market investors will not be the only ones who have their say on Olivetti's move, which is one of the ket. Then a series of high-prolargest hostile bids in Europe. file alliances, including links In the end, the Italian government, and the law courts will help deciding the fate of the for-



Protestors stage a demonstration outside an Olivetti factory yesterday

perspective, the hid is a wakeup call to a bureaucratic giant that has not yet shakeo off its state-owned culture. Since its privatisation in September 1997, the group has been riven by boardroom strife, climaxing in the departure of chairman Gian Mario Rossignolo last year after sensitive forecasts were leaked to the stock marwith AT&T and Cable & Wire-

less, fell apart.

Olivetti Telecom Italia 23,719 127,451

from computer technology the company is still officially classified amongst electronics or computer firms, where it is ranked the 12th largest by market capitalisation.

Telecom Italia Privatised in 1997, it is Europe's fourth fixed-wire and mobile telecoms operator by sales. It is also the 11th telecommunications group in the world ranked by market

tor would not be allowed to around.

Pre-tax profit

enter the fray. "It is natural for our interest to be that this great company should not be dismembered or fall under the control of foreign interests." Mr D'Alema said.

D'Alema, Italy's Prime Minis- is widely praised for the job he ter, hinted that a foreign preda- did in turning the company

> Mr Bernabe is due to spell out his strategic vision for the company on Wednesday and is likely to stress the need for the group to move away from its bureaucratic roots. On the same

#### IN BRIEF

#### 3i ieads £170m **buyout** 31, THE venture capital group, yesterday said it had

led a £170.5m buy-out of eight engineering companies from the National Industries Group of Kuwait to form a new aerospace and orthopaedics husiness.

3i will take an 80 per cent stake in the new company, to be called The Mettis Group. which is to be listed after three years. The new company will make products from hip and knee replacements to eogine blades, with customers including Rolls Royce, Airbus and Johnson & Johnson.

**Uister TV payout** ULSTER TELEVISION yesterday announced an £18.4m return of capital to shareholders in the form of a special dividend of 35p a sbare. The company said it planned a further special dividend when it sold off a £12.5m investment in Societe Europeenne des Satellites, a European satellite TV

Debt trade falls TRADING IN emerging market debt fell by 29 per cent last year because of the currency crises in Russia and Brazil, according to figures released yesterday. The Emerging Market Traders Associatioo said third and fourth quarter of

confirmed yesterday that it had held "informal major carriers over the last three months but no formal hids for the airline have been received". The company said t had been operating at a loss on certain routes but had now terminated these. Talks continue with a number of airlines on commercial agreements and strategic alliances," the company added.

ML in Aids deal ML LABORATORIES, the biotechnology group, yesterday signed a landmark deal to develop and market its AIDS drug, Viraldon, in the multi-billion-dollar US

### Volvo breaks off Scania talks

tive group which is selling its car division to Ford for \$6.5bn, yesterday hroke off talks about acquiring the rival truck man-

A merger of the two husinesses would have created Europe's number one heavy vehicles group with 30 per cent of the market.

A combined Volvo-Scania would have had a turnover of £7.6hn, 50,000 employees and truck and hus sales of 130,000

Leif Johansson, chief executive of Volvo, said talks about acquiring the majority share-

**Business Editor** 

bolding in Scania held by Sweden's Investor group had broken off because the conditions for reaching agreement "do not exist at the present time".

But be said Volvo intended to retain the 13 per cent stake in Scania that it hought last month. "We do not intend to sell our holding in Scania, regardless of possible changes in its ownership," Mr Johansson

He said that Volvo had bought the stake after discussions with Investor in the be-

chief executive, immediately described the stake building as an "unfortunate" development which would make merger dis-cussions more difficult than they otherwise would have Since then, Investor has in-

dicated there are other potential merger partners other than Volvo while Scania itself has consistently maintained

Mr Johansson said yesterday that an independent Scania, either under its present owners or with a hroader ownership structure would be a good solution" for Volvo.

However the Volvo chief executive indicated that he was ready to discuss co-operation with Scania in areas such as basic technology and compo-

### Netbet joins race for online bets market

NETBET (UK), a 24-hour online betting service based in Alderney, is the latest company to join the race to grab a share of a worldwide Internet betting around \$10bn by 2002.

The company, which avoids paying the UK's 9 per cent betting tax because it is based offshore, is run by chairman Mark Blandford, who has sold bis betting shops to the Tote

Mr Blandford, who will retain a 30 per cent post in the flotation, is launching Netbet on the Ofex - the specialist market for untried share is-

Nature Micropal/LGM on an offer to bed have bused on all PEP charges with gross income resurces of from lamed 10 10,00 m in 10 the Peak performance is not necessarily a goods to future performance. From the 00,04,00 cas credits on 1% dividend destributions will only be able to be recisioned by PEPs at a reduced rate of 10%. Both capital and income values may be often as well as up and you may not get back the amount you invested. The exchange rate variations may cause the value of overeastive-timents to increases on decreases. Full written details are available on request. All statements are correct as at 0 1 (200). The Governation have announced that contributions can only be made to PEPs until

The Governation have announced that contributions can only be made to PEPs until April 1997 From the date a new tax privilegal aways, while the available Legal & General Direct Limited September in England bid. 270,000. Reportered Officer Temple Court. It Queen Victoria Serect, London ECAN 4TP Representative only of the Legal & General marketing group, members of which are regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and DMRO for the purposes of recommending, advising on and selling life assurance and sovestment products bearing Legal & General's name.

BY CLIFFORD GERMAN

The company is offering investors 1.719m sbares at 70p each, raising £1.2m to finance expansion and listing 10m shares on Ofex. The listing and offer went

ahead yesterday in spite of tbe high street bookmaker William Hill's failure to float last week because of lack of interest from institutional in-

Netbet began operating last October with a five-year licence from the betting authority in Alderney.

The European Index-Tracking PEP

It offers bets by phone and

sporting events.
These will include European and UK football, rugby, cricket, tennis and selected horse-racing.

It is also testing software to allow it to offer bets on US sports such as American football, basketball, baseball and

port a loss of £1.1m on a turnover of £1.2m in the year to the end of March 1999.

But the revenue from Internet betting worldwide revenue is growing rapidly and Netbet "intends to become one of the world's leading sports betting operators with-

68.73%\* growth in just over

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in a period of three years". Up to 40 per cent of turnover after the first full

year will be in North America, 25 per cent in Europe and 20 per cent in Asia, the company

Sports betting is a highly competitive business and up to a dozen competitors will open Internet sports betting operations in 1999. Investors should apply through their own stockbroker. The offer is not underwritten and may not be suitable for cautious investors, the prospectus warns.

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### No surprises at

THE LAW SOCIETY'S National Law Day, anticipated by the legal profession as an opportu-nity to burnish its image in the community, has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

the Law Society

According to this week's ciety has decided there is too much going on in the profession to give the event the profile it de-

servės. Robert Sawyer, vice-president of the Law Society, was not even aware the event existed. "I don't know what you're talking about; what is National Law Day?" he asked. "I'm surprised if they are cancelling it. No, I'm not, nothing ever surprises me

Nor me, Mr Sayer, nor me\_

#### The Archers

RICHARD LAY, president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), has got more on his plate than he anticipated at tonight's annual property bash.

For the RICS' annual dinner tonight at the Great Room in the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane, Mr Lay has booked Ken Livingstone to debate

#### PEOPLE AND BUSINESS BY JOHN WILLCOCK

ties required for the mayor of

Archer's son James Archer from Credit Suisse First Boston where he is being investigated for alleged financial irregular-

fortunate occurrence? Internet at the RICS' site on

#### Old boys' club

jumped ship after a 15-year career with JP Morgan to join the corporate finance department of KPMG. This is the first time the accountancy firm has poached from the ranks of the US "bulge bracket" investment banks.

KPMG has become something of an old boys' club for British merchant bankers. The first were Stephen Barrett and John Riddell, who joined with Lord Archer "The quali- KPMG from Lloyd's Merchant



The gittering occasion will be given added piquancy by the suspension last week of Lord

Follow the debate live on the

Will anyone refer to this un-

GRAEME GRIFFITHS has

Over the past five years



Pearson, the international

media company, yesterday said it had sold its Extel

Primark, the US financial

information supplier which

owns Datastream. The FT

research division, which is

Group said that Extel's

supplier of fundamental data on more than 15,000

companies, lacked the

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data" its customers now

The pictre shows

Glenn Bedwin, data

content director of

known as a leading

financial information

business for £19m to

Bank – now no more. Then there's the department's own chairman, David Beever, who came from SG

Warburg, along with his old friends Nick Fry and Tim Stone. Refugees from the now defunct BZW include David Simpson and Charles Cattaneo. Last month Marc Cramsie oined the bean counters from Singer & Friedlander

John Griffith-Jones, the department's managing partner, says: "We are getting a far higher quality of person applying to join than even two years' ago." And which bank did he come from? "Oh, I'm just KPMG," he

All at sea

says modestly.

MARTIN MYERSCOUGH, finance director of KS Biomedix, a fully-quoted drug development company spends most of his evenings under the railway arches at New Cross, south-east London, He's building a 67-foot, 12 ton ocean-going sailing boat dent.co.uk

entirely from cedar wood, which he designed himself. And he's

doing it all on his own.

Well, I started a couple of year's ago, but I'll probably get some help in soon. I hope to get the boat into the water by this summer," says Mr Myerscough. "Its caused considerable amusement for my colleagues. But it's not as daft as it sounds. I did a degree in ship design at Newcastle Upon Tyne. I only switched to accountancy later"

He still hasn't thought of a name for the vessel. "My primary concern is that it floats, My secondary concern is that it floats the right way up." I'm sure his colleagues will be

keen to provide a crew for his inaugural voyage...

#### Identity change

THE INTERNATIONAL Securi ties Market Association has lined up its usual list of high profile speakers for its AGM in Stockholm in May including Chris Patten, former governor of Hong Kong, and Brownyn Curtis, head of economics at Nomura.

Just one problem. Ms Curtis left Nomura last week An ISMA spokeswoman said: "She's definitely speaking - as 'Brownyn Curtis, international economist'."

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day Mr Colaninno will also lay His comments effectively out his plans for Telecom. and hlocks one of the most obvious he is expected to point to the routes for Telecom to escape Olivetti's cintches. Analysts relatively low usage of the inhad suggested that foreign bidternet and data transmission in volumes halved between the ders such as Bell Atlantic, the Italy as a key to the company's US group, could mount a counter-offer, British Telecom future growth. last year to \$522bn (£320bn). A key hattleground in the enand Cable & Wireless had also suing war of words will be the been suggested as bidders, but role of Telecom Italia Mobile, PEP sales shrink terminding deals which allowed out that Olivetti has the support neither company is thought to the fast-growing mobile phone mer monopoly. From Olivetti's point out that the government THE NUMBER of Personal be interested. British Telecom unit in which Telecom still of Mediobanca, the secretive still appoints three of Tele-Olivetti to pull out of the per-Equity Plans held by has a shareholding in Albaholds a 60 per cent stake. investors has shrunk for the com's directors even with a sonal computer industry, find Milanese investment bank, for partners for its telecom husiits bid. "They are trying to porcom, a rival Italian operator, Olivetti is expected to sell down sharebolding reduced to 3.4 first time since they were per cent. Another group of the shareholding if its bid suctray this as a David versus Gowhile C&W only yesterday apnesses, and generally restore it launched in 1987, according to financial health. founding shareholders, which liath battle but it's not as pointed Graham Wallace as its ceeds, in order to pay off its to the unit trust trade hody include the Agnelli family of indebt, although the company At the same time Mr uneven as it seems," one ananew chief executive. In the absence of being resinsists it will retain manage dustrialists, also still have an in-Colaninno also put together a lyst said yesterday. Figures for Pep sales in What's more, Olivetti also entrepreneurs from Northern cued by a white knight, Telecom ment control. fluence on the company which January show only 8.9 million Telecom could gear up its is most likely to stress the im-Italy who chibbed together in a appears to have the sympathy Peps in existence - against is disproportionate to their 6.9 portance of its new chief execbalance sheet by buying in the minority shareholding in TIM. per cent stake. consortium to buy a 13 per of the Italian government, Almore than 9 million in utive, Franco Bernabe, in its The same accusation can be cent stake in Olivetti. It was only though its shareholding in the December. The drop comes levelled at Olivetti. Roberto once Mr Colaninno had incompany is small the governattempt to remain indepen-Indeed, one possible defence in spite of unprecedented. Colaningo, the former accounstalled a supportive major ment still has a golden share in strategy being mooted in Milan advertising by Pep providers is for TIM to trump Olivetti by shareholder that be was able to Telecom which will allow it to 'Mr Bernabe was brought in tant who was brought in to ahead of their replacement mounting a higher counter-bid late last year from ENI, the Italcontemplate launching the bid block any unwanted bid. rescue the company from ruin by Individual Savings Advisers to the company in 1996, gets the credit for mas- for Telecom. Observers point ian oil and gas group, where he Yesterday Accounts in April. However, existing investors continued to plough money into Peps, with new investments rising by 14 per FT sells cent. Between 10 and 12 per Extel to cent of the working population now hold a Pep. Autif said. **Primark** VOLVO, THE Swedish automo- BY MICHAEL HARRISON lief that it would be receptive an independent truck maker. Unveiling a 17 per cent rise to a bid for the entire compa-AB bid talks nv. But the £385m share purin profits for 1998 to 3.21 billion for £19m A SMALL British low-fares airline, AB Airlines. chase was seeo as an crowns last week, the Scania board said it was convinced it aggressive move by Investor. Claes Dahlback, Investor's could remain an independent player in the truck market. discussions with a number of THE FINANCIAL Times Group, a division of

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### Warburg rides into a spot of poor form

THE COLLAPSE of the William Hill flotation is said in the City to have done the reputation of Guy Hands and his employer, Nomura, no good – though it is hard to see what can be wrong with selling out to venture capitalists for more than could have been achieved through a share list-

But there is another investment bank whose image has also been left. badly tarnished by the affair. Warburg Dillon Read, which acted as Norma ra's adviser, is said to be hopping mad that its client pulled a financial buyer out of the hat just as it thought it had got the flotation safely away by cutting the offer price from 175p to 135p.

It is easy to see why relations beween Finsbury Avenue and St Martin's Le Grand might be strained. Warburg has just kissed goodbye to the best part of £7m in fees while Nomura would have been £45m worse off if it had gone ahead and pated William Hill at the offer price

of 135p secured by Warburg. The recriminations, needless to say, are flowing nicely. But on this ocis mainly in the wrong. The defence



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from the Warburgs camp is that its letter of engagement required it to advise on a flotation of the business. not a trade sale or any other kind of

The first, evidently, that it knew of Cinven's preparedness to pay the equivalent of 150p a share was minutes before William Hill actually changed hands oo Saturday afternoon. To make matters worse, the venture capitalists had indicated their interest in buying the business at a higher price the previous Thurscasion, it looks like Warburg which day night, after the offer price had been fixed. This merely begs the

question as to why Warburgs was not traditional season of pre-Budget establish whether indeed there is an three year investment horizon most in receipt of the same facts. It says it was not told by its client. But did it not have a duty to its client to test the market to establish whether a better deal was on offer?

This is what Kleinwort Benson did when the flotation of the supermarket chain Somerfield had to be scaled back in price, not once but twice. As it happens none of the trade buyers contacted were interested.

So why did Warburgs fail to undertake such an exercise? Was the smell of the fees too much to resist? Or perhaps Warburgs was merely doing the decent thing by the army of private investors who had piled in for four times the number of shares nitially allocated to them?

#### Fund managers

IN THEORY, there shouldn't be any surprises in the Budget since it was all meant to have been curtain raised in the Pre-Rudget statement last No. vember. In practice, the Budget wouldn't be the Budget without some rabbits to pull out of the hat, so the

already well underway. Without the good ship Charlie Whelan, the Chancellor's former press secretary, to belp out, the press is even more at sea than ever.

Strangely, there is a part of the pre-Budget statement that hasn't yet been recycled as today's exchisive. This is the part that deals with the Government's concern over the relationship between institutional investors and their clients. The Chancellor believes that the root of Britain's poor productivity problem lies with its long history of under investment. This in turn may be partly caused by City short termism, Mr

No Labour Chancellor these days would be naive enough to think he could force the City not to be short termist, but Mr Brown does believe much can be achieved by obliging fund managers and pension fund trustees to set out publicly their objectives, bow they assess investment performance, and the basis on which key staff are remunerated. On

remumeration, the idea would be to

leaks (for which read guess work) is inbuilt incentive in the way fund pension funds apply to the managemanagers are paid to short term performance at the expense of long

All these ideas have plenty to commend them. Anything that can make the process of how our pensions and savings are invested on our behalf by others more transparent must by definition be a good thing Quite how to achieve this, or whether it would have the desired effect, are rather different questions. The Chan-cellor would prefer the industry to put its own house in order, and be will be urging fund managers and pension fund trustees to set up something akin to the Hampel committee on corporate governance and executive pay. If they refuse, there's always the big stick of legislation to wave at

However, this is difficult territory. It is not clear for instance, that forcing pension funds to disclose that they do not invest in business start ups will much improve the situation while expected returns from British

start-ups are so lamentably poor. Nor is it easy to quarrel with the

ment of their money. Pensioo fund clients cannot reasonably be blamed for wanting to change their investment manager if after three years he is still underperforming his peers. To allow more grace might be to encourage continuing underperformance. As can be seen, these are complex issues, and they are not like-

#### Cable & Wireless

ly to be properly addressed by over

hasty action

IT IS not onite true to say that in the space of two years Graham Wallace has gone from running a Happy Eater on the A1 to commanding one of the biggest companies in the Footsie. But it is not that far from the mark. His meteoric rise from chief executive of Granada's restaurant division (that's, er, Little Chef) to chief executive of Cable & Wireless, shows that nice guys do not always come

Now that he has reached the top of the greasy telegraph pole, Mr

employers recognise the value of his abilities by sticking out for the kind of pay package enjoyed by his more carnivorous predecessor, Dick His track record at Cable & Wire-

less Communications entitles Mr Wallace to start with some credits in the bank. In his two years at the helm. its market capitalisation has more than doubled. Furthermore, however much he asks for, it will doubtless be a fraction of the sums the Americans interviewed for the job by the C&W chairman Sir Ralph Robins would have demanded. But as with any internal appointment, particularly one as big as this, there is always the nagging question of whether C&W has settled for second best. If the job is so good, why could Sir Ralph not appoint a successor from outside?

So Mr Wallace will have to deliver a lot. His motto for now is steady as she goes. But if he wants to achieve the same feat with the C&W share price as he did at CWC, can he resist the temptation of the mega-

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Graham Wallace outside the Cable & Wireless offices in London yesterday; the new chief executive said he would 'be sticking out for a competitive package'

### **C&W** chief holds out for US-style package

GRAHAM WALLACE, who took BY MICHAEL HARRISON over yesterday as the new chief executive of Cable & Wireless, is holding out for an Americanstyle pay package similar to the one earned by his predecessor, Dick Brown.

Mr Wallace, formerly chief executive of Cable & Wireless Communications, said that he had not yet finalised his terms and conditions with the C&W chairman Sir Ralph Robins. "I will be sticking out for a competitive package. You can make what you like of that," be added.

The promotion to the top job at C&W, the majority shareholder in CWC with a 53 per cent stake, could see him double his salary. Before joining CWC two years ago be was chief executive of Granada's services and restaurants division.

Mr Brown, who quit C&W in December to return to the US as chairman and chief executive of the computer giant EDS,

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earned £1.16m last year. He also received C&W shares worth £600,000 under the company's long-term incentive plan and would have received additional deferred bonuses worth £1.67m had he stayed with the group until April 2001.

Mr Wallace earned £567,834 last year as chief executive of CWC, including a bonus of £165,000. He also received 35,132 shares under the company's long-term incentive scheme, currently worth just under £248,000.

Mr Wallace said yesterday that be intended to stick broadly to the strategy set out by his predecessor but that under his leadership C&W would accelerate its investment in Internet and data traffic. Last year C&W bought the transatiantic Internet business of MCI and has since

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complaints unanimously. How-

ever, it has instructed its exec-

utive to consider whether an

agreement to pay a success fee

should be disclosed in the bid

process. As is its usual practice

the panel has instructed the ex-

ecutive to prepare a position

paper on the issue. GUS said it

welcomed the review but de-

clined to say how much it has

spent on fighting the case.
Lord Wolfson has previously

said he wanted the panel to

"show the red card" to the for-

mer Argos directors, led by Stu-

art Rose who is now chief

executive of Booker, the troubled

cash and carry chain. Lord

Wolfson had also threatened to

take legal action against the

Argos team, including its ad-

visers, and take the matter to the

DTI and the House of Lords.

GUS has denied that it was

fighting the battle because it be-

lieved in retrospect that it over-

paid for Argos when it increased its cash offer from £1.6bn to

acquired Net service providers in Germany and Hong Kong. Mr Wallace said the next 12 months was likely to see similar deals. C&W also intended to coordinate its global, Internet and data activities more closely.

He said there would be more investment in the US but C&W was not actively looking for a mega-merger partner across the Atlantic, nor was it interested in em oring the auction for Telecom Italia.

Mr Wallace added that further consolidation was likely in the cable industry and that there would be "some logic" to CWC acquiring Telewest.

Commenting on the repeated speculation that C&W would buy out Media One of the US, its 50 per cent partner in the mobiletelephone venture, One2One, he said C&W had several options. It was not "imperative" to take 100 per cent control.

### Jarvis Porter to close plants in £7.5m shake-up

JARVIS PORTER, the Leeds-based label and printing company amounced a restructuring programme costing £7.5m over a 12-month period, writes Clifford German.

It will include the closure of and Europe with the loss of 320

jobs, about 20 per cent of the labour force.

No details of the closures or redundancies were revealed yesterday while workers in the plants affected were being told the news, but operations in several operations in the UK Leeds, Glasgow, Nottingham and Leicester could be affected.

The company also issued a drinks trade as a result of the much of the costs of the reprofit warning, blaming poor merger of Grand Met and Dia-trading conditions especially geo and, until recently, the taken in the current year. in the drinks and beverages division which prints labels for

up-market drinks bottles. Sales have been badly affected by the economic downturn in Asia, destocking in the

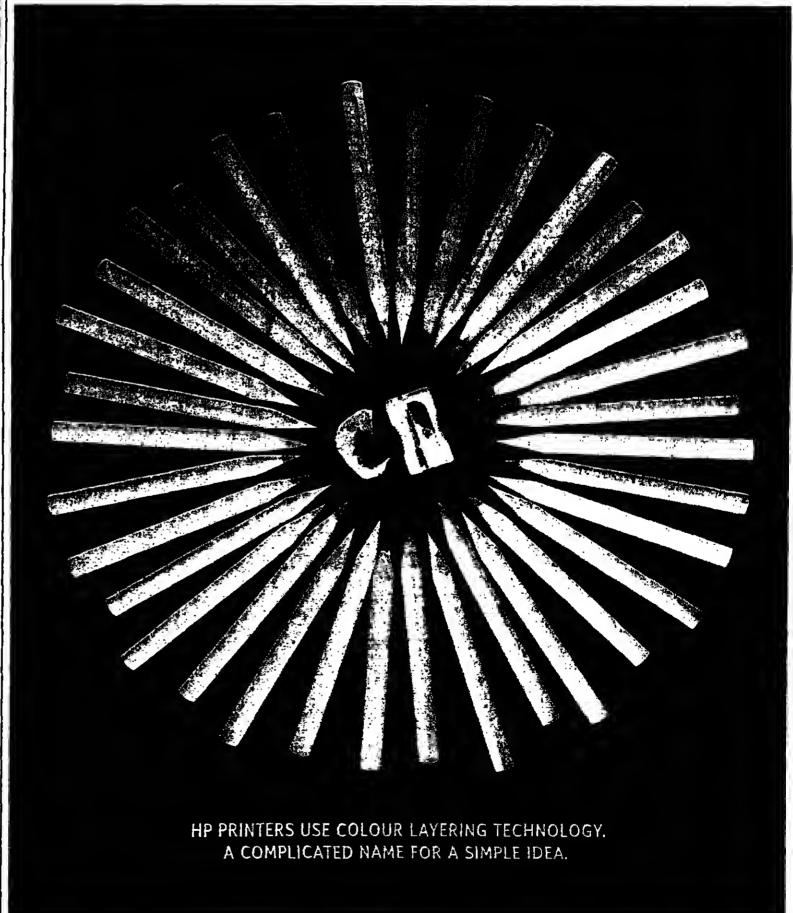
strength of sterling. Pre-tax profits for the year which ends next week will be

around £5m before exceptional costs.

But it is not yet clear how

staged a slight recovery in re-

The shares, which bad cent weeks after falling 60 per cent between March and December last year, fell 10p to 93.5p yesterday.



#### Panel dismisses **GUS** complaints against Argos

THE TAKEOVER PANEL YES- BY NIGEL COPE terday unanimously dismissed the remaining complaints registered by Great Universal Stores regarding claims made by the former Argos team during its successful £1.9bn hid for Argos last year.

The move follows a similar ruling last month under which the panel universally dismissed a GUS appeal against certain procedural rulings of its executive. It means Lord Wolfson, the GUS chairman, is unlikely to take the issue any further. However, he is currently on holiday and was not available for comnent yesterday. There were three outstand-

ing complaints made by GUS. It was unhappy about claims made by the former Argos board on its plans for a home delivery service and a comparison of trading in its fledgling Dutch operations with those in Ireland. it was also unhappy about a success fee payable by Argos to Schroders, its financial adviser, in the event of a successful re-

The panel dismissed all GUS £1.9bn.

#### Railtrack awards £200m contract

A JOINT VENTURE between the contractors Balfour Beatty and Tarmac and the French engineer Alstom yesterday won a £200m deal to renew overhead cables on the West Coast Main Line, writes Francesco Guerrera.

The work is part of a £2.2bn modernisation programme by Railtrack to slash journey times on the London-Glasgow route and end the misery of millions of travellers.

by Richard Branson's Virgin Trains, has got one of the worst punctuality records in the country, with around one in five trains arriving late.

The line, which is operated

The three companies will replace and strengthen the overhead cables to enable train to travel on the line at up ot 140 miles an hour.

The work, which is set to be completed in 2005, will enable passengers to travel between London and Glasgow in just under four bours instead of the five hours and twenty minutes taken by trains at present



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# Prescott threat shunts Railtrack into sidings Guardian gains from cornorate IT disaster

RAILTRACK WAS shunted into the sidings as the stock market fretted about this week's transport summit when Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott is expected to try and make life difficult for the privatised rail industry.

The shares reversed 32p to 1.432p although some other transport stocks edged ahead

The rail group is going through a distinctly unhappy patch. It is still feeling the strain from last week's ambitious £400m bond issue and has also had to contend with regulatory hints of a profits cap, which could wipe £100m from its figures. In the current tender atmosphere the market is highly sensitive to any possibility of more restrictions being aired.

Mr Prescott is expected to attempt to generate some favourable headlines by lashing the industry and Railtrack cannot hope to escape the strictures

Although the summit is said to be aimed at trying to move the rail industry forward, rather than dwelling on the hideous past, it is widely believed the privatised companies will eventually face further restraints which could undermine their appeal to in-

Last year Railtrack was riding at a 1,687p peak. The shares were 380p just after their 1996 flotation.

The rest of the market experienced a largely lethargic session with takeover speculatioo preventing it from sinking into a self-imposed stupor. Although by past standards

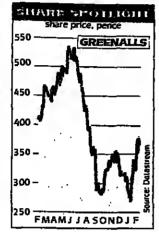
share turnover was strong, it fell below receot levels which provided traders with their busiest ever run. Footsie, encouraged by

New York, eoded 38.7 points higher at 6,069,9. At ooe time it was off 36.4. Supporting shares moved ahead Rank the leisure group,

was one caught up in bid speculatioo. More stories of a MARKET REPORT



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12.25p higher at 235p. Engineer Weir, which rejected bid approach, gained 10.5p to 265p on talk of a US hit

and Williams, the security group, was at one time 12.5p higher at 370p on reports of trans-Atlantie interest. The shares ended 2.75p lower at 355.5p with a positive Australian visit seemingly making little impression.

Hornby, the toys group, rose 12.5p to 245p oo rumoured bid interest and Queens Moat Houses, the hotel chain, added 2.25p to 24.25p oo suggestions of a break offer from a venture capitalist.

Retailer Laura Ashley firmed 1.25p to 19.5p on reports that its Malaysian shareholdbreak up strike left the shares ers intended to take it private.

Hard-pressed AB Airlines said it was in talks although a ered some of the altitude surbid had not materialised and the shares fell 1p to 33.5p. International Group, where takeover talks are on, improved 7p to 163p.

BICC, the cable and construction group which is in the bid frame, hardened 2p to 80p. Thoughts of corporate action were, for once, unlikely to be responsible - a share in a £200m Railtrack contract almost certainly provided the

Greenalls, the botels and pubs chain which could probably claim to be the most bewhiskered take-over candidate in the market, fell 8p to 372p, despite suggestions of Scottish & Newcastle attention. A week ago Whithread was said to be the party hovering, HSBC and SG Securities

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hluntly saving sell. Despite the flowing speculation there was oot much real bid activity merely a deal by Falcon. The small distributor of pipeline equipment jumped 43p to 180p after disclosing it was in talks to sell much of its business to the

French giant, Saint-Gobain. Fortnum & Mason, the Piccadilly store controlled by the Weston family of Associated British Foods fame, was the day's outstanding performer, surging 170 per cent to 432p. The shares are an exedingly narrow market and the excitement was in fact an illusion as a Friday miscue was corrected.

BT gave up 21p to 1,051.5p, largely oo worries it might intervene in the Olivetti bid for Telecom Italia. Cable & Wireless, little changed at 851.5p, could also be tempted into the fray. Unilever gained 42p to

625.5p on suggestions that its results could be accompanied by details of an up to £2bn share buyback Ladbroke firmed 7.25p to 270.25p oo the William Hill fiasco.

British Aerospace recov rendered last week on worries about its Saudi Arabia contracts with a 19p climb to 421p. The successful Air France flotation lifted British Airways 15.5p to 457.5p.

Compass, the contract caterer, had a lean time, at one point falling 37.5p. It closed at 696.5p, off 19p. Merrili Lynch did the damage, reducing its rating. The shares are also coming under pressure because Accor, the French group rumoured to be one of those interested in Vaux's Swallow

hotel chain, is now free to sell its 4.9 per cent shareholding. Reuters, the information group, logged off 6p at 867p ahead of a Henderson Crosthwaite investment dinner at London's Savoy Hotel.

Supermarket chains were in the doldrums on the latest price war. Tesco fell 2.5p to 173p; J Sainsbury 7.75p to 258.5p and Asda 3p to 149p.

Smaller oil shares weakened with Schroders suggesting the crude oil price could slip to \$8 barrel if OPEC fails, as many expect, to cut quotas next month

With talk circulating that their proposed defensive merger is likely to be abandoned, Enterprise Oil lost 3.25p to 238,75p and Lasmo 1.5p to 110.5p. BG, reporting today, is thought in some quarters to be willing to barge into the deal with an offer for one of the two would-be merger partners. The shares gained 7.25p to 361.5p. Ulster TV brightened 28p to

220p following its £18.4m (35p a share) special dividend.

Futures Integrated Telecoms improved 5p to 45p. Its founders Kevin Clarke and Garry Allsop have sold shares and oow own 15.85 per cent and 16.8 per cent respectively. Investment meetings helped smooth the sale.

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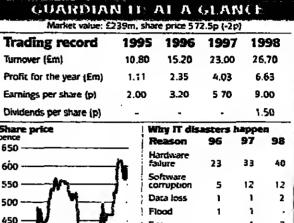
By PETER THAL LARSEN

IT'S NO secret that computer systems are becoming increasingly vital for most companies to operate properly. But until recently few had put much thought into what happens if their expensive mainframe or server suddenly breaks down or is ruined by a fire or flood.

However, companies are increasingly preparing for the worst. Disaster recovery groups such as Guardian IT, which yesterday reported a 30 per cent rise in operating profits to £7.3m for last year, are being called in to back up vital computer information and, in some cases, provide office space that will allow staff to carry on working.

And the market is booming. According to Peter MacLean, the chief executive, pressure from regulators such as the Bank of England and the Financial Services Authority is forcing financial institutions to provide proper backup. "In some areas disaster recovery is no longer optional. It's a mandato-

ry requirement," he says. Guardian's customer base is largely based in the City. One of the company's sites just north of the Square Mile is now full, and it is spending £7m this year on a new 100,000 sq ft centre in Lon-



don's Docklands, which could offer work space and dealing

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Meanwhile, Guardian is hoping that pressure from regulators will make disaster recovery mandatory in other industries such as telecommunications. the utilities sector and the health service. Analysts think the market for recovery services will

desks to 1,600 City workers.

Guardian is one of the largest players in the market with a

share of about 14 per cent. And the income stream is extremely predictable. Guardian yesterday pointed out that it has an order book worth 267m, of which 45 per cent will be booked this vear. This means that although there are still 10 months of the year to go Guardian is already is already reflected in the share grow by up to 19 per cent a year, guaranteed to match last year's price.

turnover of £30m in 1999

However, there are several worries. The first is Guardian's operating margins, which reached 24 per cent last year. They will be squeezed this year due to the new investments. Analysts suggest that, as the market matures and contracts are renewed. Guardian may find its margins are unsustainable.

This is worrying given Guardian's high rating. Since its flotation last year shares in the company have more than doubled in value, closing at 572.5p. down 2.5p yesterday. On 1999 profit forecasts of about £3.6m. the shares now trade on a multiple of 54 times earnings.

"If you want to be on a forward PE ratio of more than 50 you have got to be growing your bottom line at a terrific rate." said one analyst. "I just can't see Guardian keeping it up."

Yesterday directors and senior management announced that they planned to eash in shares in Guardian worth more than £12m, while the group's venture capital backers are raising around £30m by selling down their stakes. It all points to a problem that dogs British (Tinvestors - for most of the good coropanies, the growth potential

Ultra up 17% on submarine device sales

ULTRA ELECTRONICS, the defence and aerospace engineer, yesterday posted a 17 per cent jump in profits amid booming sales of submarine detection devices to the US navy.

Shares in Ultra have soared by 30 per cent over the last week after its US operations won contracts worth £33m to supply the US navy with sonobuoys floating sonar devices which can be ejected from aircraft.

Demand for the devices has started to approach Cold War levels as the US military has stepped up its submarine mon-

By Andrew Verity

also woo a £6.2m contract to equip Korean destroyers. Yesterday the shares eased 4.5p to 442p, valuing the company at £290m, after jumping more

than £1 last week. The market was surprised by the new contracts because most of the business was won by UnderSea Sensor Systems, an Indiana-based group bought by

Ultra at the end of last year Ultra spent £19m last year acquiring UnderSea and PMES. a Staffordshire-based supplier of itoring programme. Ultra has sonobuoys. Both are expected to

require substantial investment which will depress profits in 1999. But analysts believe the market for Ultra's products will stay robust, "More navies and airforces want to monitor sub-

Ultra has also benefited from Airbus' success at the end of last year in beating Boeing to a giant contract to supply British Airways. Ultra supplies computer controls for landing gear on the Airbus 320 aircraft.

marines," said one analyst.

Ian Yeoman, Ultra finance director, said the new order had helped boost its deliveries to Airbus by 43 per cent, while the

group had improved its profit margins, Industry observers yester-

day began to question the sustainability of the company's share rating. Tony Lancelott of Albert E Sharp, the investment house, said: "It is dangerous to be gung-ho about the prospects. especially given that the defeoce market is not exactly the most exciting there is."

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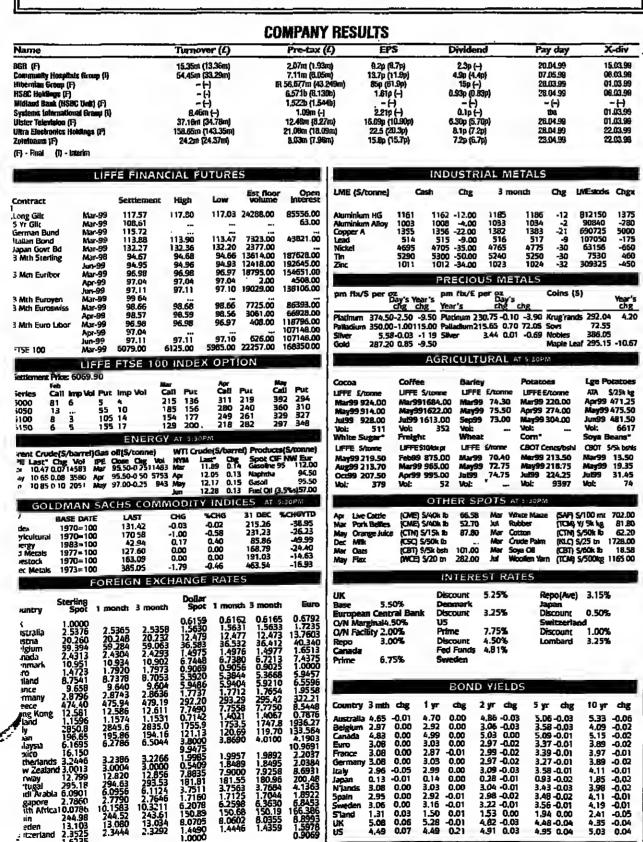
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Analysts yesterday nudged up their forecasts to predict earnings of £25m to £28m in 2000. putting the company on a forward p/e of over 15 - a hold, according to Albert E Sharp.

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### **SPORT**

Golf: New World Matchplay Championship holds no fears for South African who thrives on head-to-head battles

### Passionate Els targets Tiger

By Andy Farrell

FOR A man who commands presidential attention for doing something as inconsequential in the grand scheme of things as wirning a golf tournament, Ernie Els appreciates the simple things in life. After his wedding to his long-time girlfriend, Liezi, on 31 December, the honeymoon was far from the luxurious affair you might expect of a top sporting celebrity.

"We were roughing it," Els said of his trip to the rugged western coast of South Africa. "There was no electricity. We used gas lamps and candles and slept under canvas. Water for the toilet was brought from the sea. We are so spoilt, spending our time in five-star hotels. I didn't shave for days. It was great."

Getting back to nature did Els no harm at all. He won his first tournament of the year, the South African PGA, and was immediately handed a mobile phone. The voice on the other end of the line belonged to President Nelson Mandela, "I just listened," Els said, "What do you say to a great man like that?"

Not much ruffles the 29-year-old from Johannesburg, except perhaps South Africa's defeat by England at Twickenham last December. A few days later he was still smarting. "Don't even mention it," he said before the subject could be raised.

Sport, Liezl excepted, is the love of Els' life. He played rugby and cricket at school and follows his national team's fortunes with a passion. He played tennis for his province and could have turned professional but, at the age of 14, chose golf instead. The decision has brought him riches galore, but finance figures lowly in his priorities. "I follow sport first and the stock market second," he said.

In addition to his homes in Johannesburg, George, on the Cape coast, and Lake Nona in Florida, Els has just bought a house at Wentworth. Part of the attraction was match or a day at Wimbledon and it will be his base in October during the Rugby World Cup.

Wentworth was also the scene of his three World Match Play titles. There is something about the simplicity of that form of the game that suits the Sonth African and which makes him one of the favourites for the inaugural Andersen Consulting World Matchplay Championship, in Carlsbad, California.

Apart from Wentworth's annual invitational event, it is high time that there was a proper matchplay event and Els is not alone in being caught up in the anticipation of the world's top 64 players facing each other in 18-hole head-to-head matches.

It helps that, as part of the new World Golf Championship series, there is a total purse of £5m and a first prize of £630,000 but, compared to the usual diet of strokeplay tournaments where players get two rounds to make the cut and three to play their way into contention, one factor above all will provide motivation. It is one well known to professional tennis players, but which may come as a shock to the leading golf pros.

match, you are out of the tournament," Els said. "So you have to give everything for that particular match. In a strokeplay event, you can play yourself into a position for the week-



which starts tomorrow at La Costa South Africa's Ernie Els celebrates one of his many birdies on the way to the PGA Nissan Open title in Los Angeles on Sunday

end to make your move. But with this event you have one match a day and if you lose, you go home; it's goodbye. It is going to be a little bit draining because of that and if you keep winning it will be a long week.

"But it is going to be a special tournament, and it will feel special

We were roughing it. There was no electricity. Water for the toilet was brought from the sea. I didn't shave ... It was great'

"Let's face it, you lose your just to make the field and to be there. To get 64 of the best players in the world right now together, it's exciting just thinking about it. We play so many strokeplay events through the year that I think people have for-

gotten how exciting matchplay can be. Every fan wants to see a bit of a dog fight, a head-to-head fight."

As for the strategy of whether to play the man or the course, Els thinks the secret is knowing when to do which. "I have had a bit of success in matchplay in the past and I must admit when things are going your way and you are playing well, you are just thinking about playing the golf course and trying to make a low number. But when you are one or two down, you start looking at what the other guy is doing. It goes both ways, depending on the situation.

"And you need a bit of luck with the draw because you can draw a brand name like [Tiger] Woods or [Greg] Norman. But there will be a lot of pressure on the favourite players who are not supposed to lose because there will be no easy matches. It will be a tough week but very meeting with Woods would have to satisfying, I'm sure, if you win, as wait until the 36-hole final on Sunday.

well as being very beneficial to your

bank account." Els perhaps forgets that he is also a brand name that most of the field will be wanting to avoid. What really motivates him is getting back the world No1 spot he held for a couple of months last year. If Woods thinks he has his paws full with David Duval alone, he should think again. "I can catch Tiger and the others," Els said. "I know I have the talent to do it." Indeed, the South African's American campaign got off to the best possible start on Sunday when he won the Nissan Open at Riviera in Los Angeles ahead of the top two in the world, plus Davis Love and Nick Price for good measure. But, having slipped to seventh in the world, Els is due to play Paul Azinger in the first round at La Costa and will meet Duval in the quarter-finals. A

before he was due to defend at the US Open. His stunning early season 'I think people have

crown was a back injury. It started

as a niggle at the Byron Nelson Clas-

sic, worsened at the Volvo PGA and

forgotten how exciting matchplay can be. Every fan wants to see a dogfight, a head-to-head fight'

form never returned. "It was very frustrating the second half of last

year when I wasn't properly fit. But the back is beautiful now." The injury was a result of one of the busiest international schedules

What forced him to relinquish the of any of the leading players as Els tries to satisfy demands for his appearances at home, in Asia, Europe, where he first came to prominence then forced him out of the Buick in 1992, and in America, where he is Classic after nine holes only a week a double US Open champion. Els knows his way around the inside of an aeroplane, albeit the front end, and will be less fazed than some Americans at the new global era golf is entering with the introduction of three World Championship events.

> "I think they are going to be good for golf," Els said. "Golf is a global affair nowadays. You saw it at the Presidents Cup. The Japanese players are really up-and-coming players and heroes in their own country. [Paraguay's] Carlos Franco is probably one of the best known sports stars in his country. Golf has grown and people can watch us on television all round the world so the timing of these tournaments is

#### **Nicholas** makes a winning recovery

By Geoffrey Wilson in Kapolei, Hawaii

ALISON NICHOLAS had every reason to expect a rosy future when she made her major breakthrough by winning the US Open in 1997, However, the past 19 months have been anything but kind to the British golfer and it was with a sense of relief that she greeted victory in the LPGA Hawaiian Open here at the weekend.

Despite struggling to a one-overpar 73 in the final round of the 54 hole event, Nicholas held off the challenges of Moira Dunn and Annette DeLuca to record a one-stroke victory. In winning the £67,000 top prize. Nicholas took home more than she had earned in total since her US Open victory.

"Last year was o tough year." Nicholas said. "I won the US Open in 1997 and I suffered from the pressure beyond that. Last year I was ill and fell off a moped, so this is a great change. I'm delighted to be back in the winner's circle.

"I expected too much, to do well every week. I suppose I became very busy and I didn't have time for myself. I didn't come out until Phoenix [in March] and that's a late start. I got pneumonia on top of that. So I was stop-start all year.'

Nicholas started the final round here as co-leader with Michelle Mc-Gann. With the weather unpredictable, the Briton's game plan was to hit the middle of the greens and play for pars. Her score was not spectacular, but she finished on a seven-under-par total of 209, which proved good enough.

"I thought par or one over par would be good," she said. "To get that, I had to hit the middle of the greens and two-putt. Because of the reather. I knew it was going to be tough for everyone. I thought someone from the middle of the field would come up."

Nicholas added: "On the fifth tee we were absolutely soaked. It re-

minded me of home." By the turn Nicholas had pulled away to a three-stroke lead. A chip to two feet on the 426-yard seventh hole gave her the only birdie on her card. She had bogeys at the 13th and on the closing hole, but the outcome was settled by then.

Dunn, with a final round of 68, and DeLuca, with a 70, had birdies late in the round to go to six under, but it was too little, too late.



Nicholas: One-stroke victory

#### Tomorrow



ASHIA HANSEN, Britain's triple jump world indoor record holder, talks to BRIAN VINER about drugs testing, racism, Linford Christie and her rivalry with Denise Lewis

### Baffled by England's superiority complex

EVEN TWENTY years ago, newspapers published in London were not so obsessed with the fortunes of the England rugby team as they are today. Anyone would think the entire honour of the northern hemisphere rested on the shoulders of Lawrence Dallaglio and his

Saturday's unsatisfactory win over Scotland has been discussed virtually wholly in terms of England's prospects in the World Cup. Indeed, one commentator went so far as to say that, before the Scottish match, England had been the ball is subsequently lost to the "primary contender" for the trophy from the northern hemisphere.

What about France? I never machine. completely trust computer-based rankings because they depend on the criteria that are adopted. Lineout counts, for example, are always questionable because they depend on whether a clear catch is counted as a line-out won, even though the England at fourth and fifth.



ALAN WATKINS

opposing side for one reason or another. Man is mightier than the

None the less, France appear above England in all the rankings I have seen recently. The most recent has them third, below South Africa and New Zealand, respectively first and second, but above Australia and

only, has France fourth, behind Zealand, in that order, but above Zealand will win the cup. But there cannot be much argument that the chief threat to the southern hemisphere comes from France. This was so even before last Saturday. and despite their bedraggled and lucky win over Ireland in the Dublin rain two Saturdays before that.

Clive Woodward, the coach, and his players have taken a lot of stick because of the unjustified and vainglorious assumption that England have some God-given right to appear at least in the semi-finals of this autumn's competition. There is no such right. It is unfair to judge coach

and players on that assumption. True, England were slow to take decisions, or to change decisions that had already been taken. But not even

My own ranking, based on results and Will Carling had England been any different in this respect - or in South Africa, Australia and New other respects as well, come to that. As someone who, more times England Mindyou Istill think New than he cares to remember has seen the England pack grind up the

middle of the Twickenham pitch to trap the opposition into a penalty 22 metres in front of the posts, Saturday's performance was a feast of what used to be called the handling code, with three tries from each side, only one of which (Tim Rodber's) came from trench warfare.

Nick Beal scored a spectacular try, though I still cannot understand how the Scots allowed him more or less a clear run. Dan Luger showed a lot of class. Richard Hill had his best game for England for roughly a quarter of the match. Above all, Jonny Wilkinson did everything that could have been expected of him and a bit more.

Though I understand perfectly in the mythical days of Geoff Cooke the argument that you cannot sim-

ply tot up points from missed penal-stand rather than in the press box. ties or conversions and alter the From there I could see clearly that score accordingly, it is obvious that in the last quarter the Scots' forif he (or Gavin Hastings, or even the current member of the original squad Craig Chalmers) had been playing for Scotland instead of

Kenny Logan, they would have won.

It is odd that Woodward refuses to give Wilkinson an immediate run at outside-half, with Matt Dawson or Kyran Bracken inside him. To play him at inside centre, a position to which he is not really suited, simply delays a change that will have to be made sometime unless Woodward, in the biggest Uturn since Tony Blair surrendered

lobby, picks Joel Stransky instead. I do not underestimate Scotland's spirited performance, John Leslie's generalship or Alan Tait's remarkable strength and speed in a lad of his advanced years. But, for their money. But, as we know, it unusually, I was sitting in the upper will never happen.

wards were unable to follow up kicks. They were ragged and slow. No doubt they were tired out. And who shall blame them?

Both Scotland and Ireland could still mount serious challenges in the World Cup. My native land has more to do. As one fan is supposed to have remarked: "Ah well, it's back to the draining board."

Another privilege of the columnist

is that he can imagine six impossible things before breakfast and then write about them. Here I confine myself to one: a Celtic Nations XV on all fronts to the countryside to play in the World Cup, with or without the New Zealand exiles, but replacing Scotland, Wales and Ireland as separate nations. I think such an outfit would give the countries from the southern hemisphere a good run

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# Wyer not fazed by tragedy

IT IS just seven days since one BY GREG WOOD of the most gruesome racing accidents in recent memory propelled Sedgefield into the evening news bulletins, amid calls for the closure of the course pending a thorough investigation. Three horses were killed in a collision between loose runners and the main body of the field, while Lorcan Wyer became a reluctant star

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Jowoody (Sedgefield 4.20) NB: Andy's Lad (Sedgefield 4.50)

of the next day's tabloids, in a freeze-frame photo which caught him being thrown sev-

eral feet into the air Racing will return to Sedgefield today, however, unless frost intervenes, with trainers offering 69 votes of confidence terday. "Twe no objections to in the track's safety. Double-figure fields have been declared for four of the races, with 15, the maximum allowed, due to go to post for the hunter chase.

Changes have been made since last week's events, to make it easier for loose horses to find their way to the exit gates from the course. A Jockev Club inspector approved the alterations on Friday.

"I wouldn't have declared my horse if I hadn't been happy with the safety of the course Nicky Richards, who will saddle Jessolle in the novice chase. said yesterday. "A lot of people seem to be jumping on the bandwagon, but they should remember that this can be a hard game and unfortunately things like this will happen from time to time."

Lorcan Wyer also hopes to be back at Sedgefield today. "I was mainly happy with the sug-gestions they made and the alterations they've made seem fine to me," the jockey said yesgoing back and riding over the course as long as I'm not riding a scary donkey."

Sedgefield can have few complaints about the size of its



Cloudbursters: Steeplechasers at Fontwell yesterday take to the air

true at Kempton on Saturday, where the Racing Post Chase may have a meagre turnout. Fifteen horses were declared for the race yesterday, but several, including General Wolfe, Unguided Missile and Double Thriller, have alternative entries in either the Jim Ford Chase at Wincanton on Thursday, or the Greenalls National Trial at Haydock on Saturday.

Those expected to go to Kempton include last year's winner, Super Tactics, and Dr Leunt, who won the Ladbroke Trophy at Cheltenham last month. The latter is favourite for Saturday's race with all the

fields, but the same may not be ing from Coral's 5-2 to a more day. "He has been out at exer-

respectable 4-1 with Ladbrokes. There is an ante-post market too on the Greenalls race and again Coral are fighting shy of the favourite. In this case it is Nick Henderson's Fiddling The Facts, a 3-1 chance with Coral, but twice those odds with the Tote, who have Earthmover and Eudipe at the same price

Other probable runners include Young Kenny, who set off as the firm favourite for the Eider Chase three days ago. only to lose his rider, Brian Storey, in a bump at the first fence. "He is none the worse for what happened," Peter Beauleading bookies, at prices rang- mont, his trainer, said yester-

hurdle by 19 lengths and may now represent Venetia Williams cise and he seems fine." in the Royal & SunAlliance The latest set of entries for

the Cheltenham Festival, which Hurdle. Lady Cricket, though, did opens in three weeks' time, arlittle to advance her claims at rived yesterday, with a record number of names put forward Cheltenham, where her enfor the meeting's handicaps. tries include the Champion There are 546 horses in the Hurdle, the Arkle Trophy for seven events, with Martin Pipe novice chasers, and Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle. She won the alone responsible for 92 entries. His Gris D'Estruval, a possible National Spirit Hurdle by six lengths from Toto Toscato, but runner in the William Hill Naas David Johnson, her owner, tional Hunt Handicap Chase, now has a total of 11 potential admitted later, the display was engagements at the Festival

"inconclusive". There were Cheltenham tri-"I don't know about the als for two runners at Fontwell Arkle," Johnson sald, "She has seen a fence at home, but has yesterday, although only one never jumped one in public." was an unqualified success. Arctic Camper won the novice Free bets, Business, page 17

**Teeton Mill silences** most of his critics TEETON MILL enhanced his

Cheltenham Gold Cup claims with a brilliant four-length victory in the Mitsubishi Shogun Chase at Ascot on Saturday Thought unsure to be speedy enough to cope with Ascot's two miles, three furiongs and 100 yards, Teeton Mill silenced his critics in style but, bizarrely - the horse, who won the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Handicap Chase over 31/4 miles and 110 yards at Newbury and has also won over 31/2 miles, left some now wondering if he has too much speed for Cheltenham. Direct Route, a tame fourth, is now doubtful for the Queen Mother

Champion Chase. Unsinkable Boxer was deeply unimpressive in beating Spendid (who was conceding 4lb) by just a head in a novices chase at Warwick. On this evidence, he has no chance in the Gold Cup, little more in the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Chase and would be better off in the Stayers' Hurdle.

Behrajan – entered for the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, SunAlliance Hurdle and Triumph Hurdle - did his prospects no harm with a victory at the Midlands track. Flagship

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BY IAN DAVIES

Uberalles, who beat sole rival Tresor De Mai, is now a real contender for the Arkie Challenge Trophy Novices' Chase. Coral and Ladbrokes are betting on some of the handicaps at the Festival.

CADS at the Festival.

NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE (2011), Chestenham, 16 Marchi), Coret; 9-2 Island Cheel, 9-1 Eulogy, Step On Byre, Kendel Cavaler, 8-1 Random Harvest, Fidding The Facts, 12-1 Go Ballistic, 16-1 Dr. Launt, Sparking Core, Even Flow, Lincherie Loito, 20-1 Fire Thyra, Macageorge, 2-1 Tarchiff Express, Dom Semoural, King Luciter, Belly's Boy, Papillon, Lechrokeet, 10-1 Island Chief, Step On Byre, 16-1 Dr. Launt, Eulogy, Ridding The Facts, Pandom Hanvest, 16-3 All The Acces, Calling Wild, Clever Remark, Earthmover, Go Ballistic, King Luciter, Macageorge, Paolilon, Santa Concern, Scottom

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CORAL CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Ibm 8, Chellenham, 17 March) Corab 5-1 Gatart Moss, 15-1 Metody Med. Sar Palbot, Custie Sweep, Kings Meesure, 12-1 Easter Ross, 14-1 Torboy, Antige, 16-1 Rainbow Frontier, 20-1 Supreme Lady, 25-1 Teasterst, UOpera, Gibbs Rurner, Alegation, MILDMAY OF FLETE HANDICAP CHASE (2m 4f 110yds, Cheltratian, 17 March): Corat: 6-1 Tudebrock, Potentiate, Mr Strong Gate, 8-1 Mornetie Forte, Gib D'Estrevet, 10-1 Listen Timmy, 12-1 Dr. Leunt, Seror El Bet-tutt, 16-1 Wayward King, Flying Instructor, Super Con, Jethb, 20-1 Sparity Gayle, Pete The Parson.

COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (2m 15, Chaltenham, 16 March): Corat: 6-1 Ross The Spreece, 7-1 City Hell, 10-1 Missister Beveled, 12-1 Ismen, 14-1 Sharzhrin, Tu-jort, Sawid, 16-1 Archive Foologe, 10to Rosa-to, Sir Edott, 20-1 Effectual, Sarman, Polar Prospect, Kathrynis Pet, Sadier's Resilm.

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8am INSPECTION (if forecast arrow or frost arrives)
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Left-hand, undulating course, Easy fences and long run-in on chase course of 600yds.
Course is fin St of town near junction of A888 and A177, Bus service from Stockton station (9m) or Durham station (12m). ADMRSSION: Paddock £9 (OAPs £5); Course £3, CAR PARK: free.

**FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS** FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley 84-252 (25.4%), G M Moore 19-114 (16.7%), B Ellison 19-121 (4.9%), J Howard Johnson 19-165 (10.9%), D Smith 14-81 (17.3%), E LEADING JOCKEYS: P Niven 44-175 (25.1%), G Lee 21-88 (21.4%), L Wyer 16-108 (14.7%), A Dobbin 15-182 (83%), R Supple 14-105 (13.3%), J Supple 13-79 (16.5%), M FAVALUSTICS (19.9%), B Lee 21-88 (21.4%), L Wyer 16-108 (14.7%), A Dobbin 15-182 (83%), R Supple 14-105 (13.3%), J Supple 13-79 (16.5%), M FAVALUSTICS (19.9%), B Lee 21-88 (21.4%), L Wyer 16-108 (14.7%), A Dobbin 15-182 (18.9%), R Supple 14-105 (13.3%), J Supple 13-79 (16.5%), M FAVALUSTICS (19.9%), B Lee 21-88 (14.7%), A Dobbin 15-182 (19.9%), B Lee 21-88 (19.9 E FAVOURITES: 222-694 (37.4%).
LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Simply (4.20) has been sent 296 miles.
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12 201 HARRY LANE MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS

I	2.20	F) £4,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,999
1	35PP60	ALPINE HIDEAWAY (S1) (D) (Easterby Trailers) M W Easterby 8 ft 10 Callaghan
2	581P-4	SWANDALE FLYER (F36) (CD) (Andrew Camuthers) N Bycroft 7 11 7
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8		TERMESSEE KING (251) (D H Armitage) T Easterby 9 10 12
8	0-0804	COME AND RUN (54) (Winton Bloodslock Ltd) M W Easterby 5 to 11 .C McCommick (3)
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1	2 40-P10	
1	3 P04-03	CANADIAN FANTASY (58) (Mrs R Key & Mrs V C Ward) Mrs V Ward 5 10 QR Thornton
1	4 APOPPP	SON OF TEMPO (56) (Mrs K.M. Lamb) Mrs K.Lamb 10 10 0

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Alpine Hideaway: Won over this tip at Market Rasen (good) in June. Out of form since finishing 3rd over C&D (good) in September, but on an 11th lower mark. Swendate Flyer, C&D (good) winner last season and on a 5th higher mark. First outing over jumps since Peth in June and broke a blood vessel when last of 16 on the AW at Southwell last month.

Avr as southwest est month.
Wynysrat Lady: Novice hurdie winner (2m, good to soft) last sesson. Finding things harder in handicaps, but 2nd to Dan de Man at Newcesile (2m, soft) in December and

narior in narusaps, but zind to Dan de Man at Newcasse (zm. soft) in December and runs of the same mark.

Coblet Selling hurdle winner at Ludlow (zm. soft) lest month and tair effort when 4th at Bangor (zmit, good to soft) next time off a 18th higher mark. Hea been dropped 4th Oriel Lack Returns after a near 5 month break. Won the first race outside selling company at Cartisle (zmit, good) in September and runs off a 7th higher mark. Kattymenn: One bree fair lish handicapes. Hes shown little in 4 runs for new yard this season, including when dropped into selling company last 2 cuttings. Earp: Ex-hish handicap hurder. Only form for new yard when 3rd (besten 15 lengths) to Wartin and Kierchem over C&O (good) in December. Binlered first time. Hannesaee King: Promising novice early last season, but pulled up in 3 of his last 4 starts. Pulled up on reappearance at Warcester in June and first run for new yard come. And Rum: Poer form in bumpers, malden hurder. Showed improvement when 4th of 15 to General Flight at Catterick (2m. good) in December, but first run since Endeaway (tith) when 13th of 15 to Last Liczle et Catterick (2m. soft) last month My Saltarello: Came from a long way beek to win at Ayr (21/am. good to soft) in No-Setterello: Came from a long way back to win at Ayr (2'em, good to soft) in No-ber, 2nd to Bawara off a 4lb higher mark at Carisle (2m11, heavy) next time and

needs farther. Did for when winning novices' handleep at Catterick (2m, good) last month. No impression off a 7th higher musk over same C&D (soft) next time. Canadian Fantasy: Novice hundler, blundered at the final flight when 3rd to Dig For Gold and Squandamenia at Catterick (2m, good) last month and 2b worse off with

Son Of Temper Poor form in meiden hurdes, broke a blood vessel when pulled up botone 5 out at Mussoburgh (21/m, good) in December and first outing since VERDICT: The going could prove the key here and it may have dired out enough for ALPINE HIDEAWAY. Successful three times on a fast surface, he has been dropped to ofter running on unsultable soft ground.

2.50 ALAN MERRIGAN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 25,250 added 2m 5f Penalty Value 23,659

T		BRIGHTER SHADE (30) (D) (D S Holl) Mrs M Pleveley 9 12 O
2	3-33FB	WEAVER GEORGE (18) (CD) (Regert Dec Ltd) W Storey 9 11 8
3		FEN TERRIER (50) (G B Fortsam) F Murtigh 7 11 6 A Oobbin
4	6210U3	HAGTS WAY (22) (Mrs A O'Sullivant J Howard Johnson 9 to 11 , Mr J P Michtaguera (5) B
5	24052	MJWAY (364) (CD) (T A Barnes) M Barnes 9 10 9
6	-P5050	CUMBERLAND BLUES (7) (CD) (John L Holdroyd) A J Lockwood 10 104 JL Cooper (7)
7	-0P002	ANOTHER RED (7) (CD) (W Raw) W Raw 11 10 0
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Maximum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Another Red 9st 3/b.
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Brighter Shade: Below par performence (made mistales) last time when last of 5 to Darbys Gorse at Newcastle (21/m, soft). Closely handicapped with Weaver George Weaver George: Promsing when 3rd to River Unships and Brighter Shade at Newcastle (21/m, soft), 7th pull for 7 lengths with 2nd, but deeppointing last time Fee Territer: Useful hundler, won novice chase at Martest Rissen (2mit) soft) in December. Beaten 4th when fell at the last next time and found 3m too far when back over hundlers to the set of the set

Hag's Way: Front-runner, drops back in trip after running over 3m in his last 4 outlings. 4b higher than when winning at Cattlerick (3mm), good) in December Nijway: Useful chaser on fast ground and first run for a year. Won 4 times over fences in 1986-7, including over C&D, and handicapper has taken no chances despite layoff Cumberland Bitues: First run since August when 8th of 10 to Balleswindden (Another Rad 2nd) here (2m, good) last week, Likely to need another race or two after such a long break.

a long break
Another Red: C&D (firm) winner in 1995. 3th out of the handicep when 2nd to Balles
den here (2m, good) lest week and is 11th 'wrong' in the weights here VERDICT: FEN TERRIER was desperately unlusky not to win over C&D (good to soft) in November as she was clear when she tell at the last and is well handicapped on her hurdles form.

[	3.20	TATTERSALLS IRELAND NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier) (CLASS D) 25,500 added mares 2m 5f Penalty Value 23,769
1	45P-50	DRUMDONNA (18) (Mrs M R Beaumont) P Beaumont 9 10 10
2	/85310	JESSOLLE (36) (BF) (C R Fleet) N Fichards 7 10 10A Dobbin
3	0/1-10	MARY'S FEELINGS (70) (lan Herd) M Hammond 8 to 10
4	06-322	SOUSSE (54) (Werardale Reging Partnership) Mrs M Reveloy 8 to 10
5	3PR-UU	TIGER PAWS (17) (8 Mg S R Hope) P R Webber 9 to 10

BETTING: 11-10 Jessolie, 7-4 Sousse, 5-1 Mary's Fiedings, 8-1 Tiger Paers, 20-1 Drumdonns 1998: Owers Cuest 6 10 10 A Thornton 8-1 (T Etherington) 7 *ca*n FORM GUIDE

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Drumdona; Poor novice hundler, placed twice from 16 outings and has been tried in billners. Running in sellers lately and makes no appeal on her chasing debut Jessoille: Winning hundler at distances up to 2½m, Never looked like broubing the first 2 when 3rd on chasing debut at Bangor (2½m, good to soft), but should improve Mary's Feetingst; Lightly raced, has won twice over hundlers and seems to act on any going. Chashing debut and may have found the trip too far when well beaten 7th to Portlavedra at Musselburgh (3m, good to firm) last time.

Soesse: Selling/ctalming hundler, placed all 3 starts over tences this season. Runner-up to Heavy Hustler over C&D (good to firm) in September and going will suit her Tiger Previs: Maken point-to-point winner at Enton Hell (good to soft) last season. Beaten when blundering and unseating her nder both starts this season end temperament suspect.

will the could never head one nothing wrong in all three outlings over fences this season and is a sound enough jumper, but JESSOLLE looks to have the more scope. Although she could never really get into the race when third to Sad Mad Bed on her chasing debut at Bangor in December that experience will stand her in good stand and the since won over hunders.

3.50 SOUTH DURHAM MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H)

Į	0.00	£2,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £1,605
1	44503-	CHESTER BEN (P276) (M Barthorpe) Mrs P Barthorpe 10 12 0 Mrs F Needham (3)
	0P/PO-	DANDE DOVE (306) (A.J Deskin) A Deskin 8 12 0Mr.J.D Moore (5)
		DANEGELD (PS) (Col M J F Sheffield) David F Smith 8 12 0
۱		DESERT CALM (11) (R H Fuller) O McCain 10 120
	69U2-F	EASTLANDS HI-LIGHT (P9) (J G Stareley) J Stareley to 12 0
	4P1-22	HOPPES DELIGHT (P10) (G.H.O Hopes) N Exart 6 12 0
ì		MULLINGAR CON (P9) (Criss Grant) C Grant 11 120Mrs S Grant (7)
į		MURDER MOSS (19) (S Cottherd) 5 Cottherd 9 12 0
į	41FP/P	ON THE FLY (P9) (M J Brown) M J Brown & 120Mr A Edwards (7)
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1	n 41,12-13	TRIPLE EAVES (P24) (BIF) (R G Makin) R G Makin 8 12 0
	12 3105-5	YORNOANGEL (P9) (I A Brown) I A Brown 10 12 0
	13 5P16-P	BUCKLANDS COTTAGE (P30) (J C Hogg) J C Hogg 10 11 9 Mr J P McNamara
	M P05P-R	SINGING PROFIT (P16) (W G Young) W Young 7 to 8
1	6 00/FUP	SMALL FLAME (P16) (R E Gray) R E Gray 8 11 9

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Chester Bert: Meiden point winner lest season at Brockleaby (2mt. good, only 3 firshed). Well besten in his other 5 outings and not good enough for hunter-cheses. Dense Dove: Has had only 4 outings under Rutes in the last 2 years. Never going well when tabled oft on chase debut at Perth (2m, good to soft) in April and first run since Damagetic. Promising pointer, but tricky rate as he usually gets a long way behind. Finished strongly to take 2nd behind Concerto Collonges on reappearance this month. Interthetic trip architecture.

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Essettands HI-Ugint Consistent pointer, but has won just twice from 25 outings. Pulled up on reappearance at Altwick (3m, good) the month end thip locies too short Hopkes Delight: Promising novice, second both outings this seeson at Friars Heugh (3m, 8mm) and Altwick (3m, sort). Shorer thip on this sharp track far from Idea! Multilings Corn: Ex-Barrey Curley selling hurdler. First nun for new yeard when winning Almelck (3m, good) maiden this month, More to do here, but may be improving Munder Mose: Very promising pointer in 1986-7 (won 3 times). Yet to recepture that form following leg trouble and pulled up on respicemence at Keleo (3mm) sortification on The Phy: Moderate pointer, missed last season and first nun for 22 months when pulled up in Wethertory cont. (3m, cood) this month On The Pry: Moderate pointer, missed test season and was run for all minumes when pulled up in Wetherby point (Am, good) this month Press To Stings Very lightly raced, but potentially useful pointer. Won his only outing last season at Frans Haugh (Am, good) by 20 lengths and has an experienced rider Thiple Eureer. Short-numer in points, but won Cottenham maiden (Am, good to soft) by a distance last month. 3rd at Market Rasen (Am, soft) next time and shorter trip will

Singing Profit: Usaless pointer, faled to finish in 4 outings test season and well be-hind when refused two out on reappearance at Friers Haugh (3m, 8m) this month Small Faura: Pulled up only start under Rules last season. Unseated rider on point debut at Almock (3m, soft) last month and pulled up before 5th at Thorps next time VERDICT: Damageld and Hopeles Delight have shown enough in point-to-points to suggest that they are capable of wining a hunter-chaite, but this trip could prove too short for both of them and PRESS 70 STING may be hard to peg back. Bred for chasing, he made most of the running when whining his only outing last season by 20 lengths at finars Haugh and has the advantage of Cive Storey in the saddle.

A 20 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F)

4	.20	£7,500 added 3m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £5,455
	44P232	FOR CATHAL (17) (D S Hall) Mrs M Revoley 8 12 0 P Niven
	2P-P10	TRITY (USA) (33) (Cheadle Racing) A Sheeter 9 ti 7
	10/314	SHARP COMMAND (10) (C) (BF) (A Holand) P Eccles 6 11 7 Miles V Roberts (7)
	1-3525	CYPRESS AVENUE (66) (C) (KGB Partnersho) Mrs V Word 7 to to
	141132	SPRINGFIELD SCALLY (18) (BF) (Mrs M A Hall) S Golings 8 107 A Magaine
	P26212	MSR MAHDLO (24) (M K Olcham) R Whochouse 5 to 5 B Harding
		BRIDLE PATH (21) (C) (Fred Wilson) T Easterby 8 103L Wyer
	324053	TOPOTHENORTHRACING (21) (C) (Founce Twenty) P Segument 9 to 3. B Gretten (3)
	4000PS	ZACOPANI (59) (R.W.L. Bowden) J. Howard Johnson 7 101,
)	454116	JOWOODY (3) (Tagwood Syndicate) Mrs M Reveloy 8 10 0
Ī	PU0030	MR CHRISTIE (3) (Dand Mann Partnersho) Mass L Siddall 7 100
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•	00044	SMEPLY (15) (Plumpton College) Miss Z Davison 10 10 0
i	022360	SAUCY MUN (18) (C) (PW Hatt) P Hatt 7 100
,	5-0F60	KINDA GROOVY (18) (CD) (lan Park)   Park 10 10 0

— 15 declared –
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BETTING: 7-4 Jourdody. 11-2 Springfield Scally, 8-1 Mr Mahdio, 8-1 Sharp Command, 10-1 For Cathal, Topothemorthracing, 14-1 Rober, 18ty, 16-1 Cypress Avenue, Bridle Patti, 25-1 others 1998: Mester Of The Rock 9 to 3 E Husbard fth 12-1 (J MacGee) 7 ran

FORM GUIDE For Cathel; Consistent handicap hander/chaser, Winner over fences here over this bip. Hunner-up to Britishe at Wetherby (2m7t good) and runs off the same mark. Tilly: Front-runner, but needs plenty of driving along. Has won 5 times over hundles at distances up to 31/m. Tailed off last time and skil 2n above his highest winning mark sharp Command. Versable sort, won his 2nd race over hundles this season at Catherick (3m1t) good) this month by 31/a lengths from Springfield Scally (4th better off) Cyprass Avenue: Returns from a layoff and first race since finishing 5th to Titly at Catherick (3m1t) proof to Proportion 4th better off in the promising 5th to Titly at Catherick (3m1t) proof to Proportion 4th better off in the promising 5th to Titly at Catherick (3m1t) proof to Proportion 4th better off in the promising 5th to Titly at Catherick (3m1t) proof to Proportion 4th better off in the promising 5th to Titly at Catherick (3m1t) proof to Proportion 4th better off in the promising 5th to Titly at Catherick (3m1t) proof to Proportion 4th better off in the proof to Proportion 4th better of the proof to Proportion 4th better off in the proof to Proportion 4th better off in the proof to Proportion 4th proof to Proportion 4th Proportion 4t

Cyprises Avenue: Returns from a layoff and first race since finishing 5th to 1 try at Casterick (3m11, good) in December, 4th better off, but unrelable 1 out when 2nd to Sharp Command at Catterick (3m11, good) this month and 4th better off for 3's lengths Mr Nithaldor Had every draine 3 out when 6 length 2nd to Jowoody at Ayr (2m, heavy) last month. 6th better off, but the winner looks a much improved performer Bridle Path. Has lost his form this season and now 9th lower than when warning at Ayr (3m, good) to soft in 1997. Never going well at Musselburgh (3m, good) last time flopofithesiorthracing: Well transcapped on her best form. Bester 25's lengths when layoff the contribution of the contribut Shi to Jowcody at Market Rasen. (2m, soft) last month and 18to better off
Zacopent Won twice over hundles in trelend, though beaten in both runs for new yard.
First run since finishing 5th to Cathedral Belle here (2m5f, good to soft) in December
Jowcody: Much improved since joining Mary Reveley. Completed a har-trick off a 15th
higher mark at Newcastle (2m, good to soft) on Saturday and masses a penalty as that
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higher mark at Newcastle (3m, good to sort) on saturous and invested a periody was a conditional jockeys? race
Mir Christine: Ungenume hunder/chases. Soon behind and struggling from the 6th when
teiled off 17th of 22 behind Jowoody at Newcastle (3m, good to soft) on Saturday
Ruber: Veteran staying hundler, who retains his anthusiasm. C&D winner in November.
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2nd to fm The Man at Musaethurgh (3m, good) last time and 6th worse off for 8 lengths with Topothemorthracing (3rd). Skuply: Selling hurdler, successful at distances up to 2<sup>3</sup>/m. 10th higher than when winning at Towcester (2m5t, heavy) last month and looks out of his depth. Seucy Nam: Out and out stayer, disappointing last 2 runs and always behind when baled off in the race won by Sharp Command at Catterick (3m1, good) last time (Rindle Groovy: One time useful francicapes; but has not won for 14 months. Lost touch from halfway when tailed off 12th of 17 to Sharp Command at Catterick (3m1t, good). VERDICT: it is hard to see what can halt JOWOODY. Successful on her second outing since joining Mary Reveloy at Market Resen, she defied a 15th rise in a conditional jockeys' event at Newcastle on Saturday by six lengths, so misses a ponaity.

4	.50	HURDLE (E) £3,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,513
	320012	ANDY'S LAD (59) (F Murphy) F Murphy 7 11 10 A Maguire
	1R50-R	GUS CUNNINGHAM (7) (D) (Mary Reveley Cut) Mrs M Reveley 7 11 4 Mr A Dempsey (3)
	000P-P	JUST JAKE (19) (Ms M Barker) J Jefferson 5 11 4 Mi Metio (7)
		MRLAN KING (66) (Chester Bosomworth) A J Lockwood 8 11 4
		MOVING ARROW (P129) (The Three County Partnersho) Mrs M Reveley 8 tl 4 .P Miven
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		RAIVUE (17) (C H Slevens) T Easterby 5 tl 4
	0.02	STRLL FRIENDS (29) (E Ferwick & Mr R Manners) C Grant 6 11 4 C McCormack (3)
	0540	THE LAMBTON WORM (25) (G J Alison) N Bycroft 5 11 4R Guest
1	324	CADILLAC JURGEBOX (19) (North Briton Recing) G M Moore 4 108
ī	00	WHITEGATES PRINCE (7) (Red Orion) 8 Elison 4 to 8 A Dobbin
,		PARLEZ MOI D'AMOUR (6) (Denys Smith) D Smith 4 103 Callegium
•	235	TENDER TOUCH (38) (J C Gordon) Miss K Miligan 4 103O Lee
		- 12 declared -

= 13 declared = EITING: 9-4 Moving Arrow, 5-2 Andy's Led, 3-1 Reivox, 6-1 Cadillac Jukabox, Tender Touch, 16-Gas Casningham, 20-1 Pariez Moi d'Amour, The Lambton Worm, 33-1 Millan King, 50-1 others 198: Melamison 5 11 4 R Casnity 6-1 (M Hanmond) 11 ran FORM GUIDE

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Andy's Lad: Novoe hurdle winner at Warwick (2m3f, good to soft) in December, Creditable 2nd in a handicap here (2m3f) next time and his experience may tell gus Canningham: Bumper winner list season (2m1f, soft), disappointing over hurdles so tar and tried to run out when relused first here (2m3f) test time Just Jalice No sign of ability in 2 bumpers last season and no improvement in 3 outings over hurdles. Talled off when pulled up batcars last at Kelso (2m, soft) latest Millian King; Seems of little account and unplaced in 10 outings. Best effort when 4th to in Question at Kelso (2/m, good to soft) in October

Moving Arrow: Handicapper on Flat when trained by Sally Hall and placed once from 10 outings last year, Last success over 10 it is Newmarket (good to fam) in July 1998

Over Statistic Foor form over hurdles and tences and sold for just 700grs in November Talled off 19th of 15 on first run for new year at Catteriok (2m, good) this month Relivier. Useful Flat handicapper, promising first run over hurdles when 3rd to Sematean at Wetherby (2m, soft) last month. Out of his depth behind Tonoco there (2m, good) next time and may be worth another chance.

Still Friends: Talled off on debut in Newcastle bumper (2m, good to soft) last month and no improvement in 2 runs over hurdles, pulled up 3 out at Wetherby (2m, soft) isteet The Lambton Worm: 2th of 17 to Regge Buck at Donaster (2m, good) last time Cadillac Julicaboot 3 outings over hurdles, all on soft ground. Talled off stime 2 out when 4th to Optimistic Ctris at Kelso (2m) last time and may do better on this faster going Whilegales Princie No ability in humpers at Catlands (2m, soft) and Sedgefield (2m1f, good) Parlez Mol D'Amour: Beelan 34 lengths when 8th of 14 to Alribghton on first run for new year at Museaburgh (2m, good be soft). Westened 2 out when 5th to Dengerman (Cadillac Juliaboot 2nd) at Newcastle (2m, soft).

VERDICT: ANDY'S LAD carried a penalty when runner-up to Cathedral Belle in a handicap over course and distance in December and can go one better here

#### R-5021 HIM OF PRAISE (CD) O Sharwood 910 10st 70 201-1F GENERAL WOLFE (C) Miss V Williams 10yo 11:21 Ob 2-4333 FOREST MORY (NZ) O Nicholson Byo Sut 13fb 12-1 12-1 11-1 8-1 IFI/II ISLAND CHIEF P Beaumont 10yo 8st 11b SP-1P SPARKLING COME (C) (BIF) Mas V Wikims 10yo 9st 11b 12-1 18-1 12-1 6-124 91 104 124 20-1 20-1 20-1 20-1 P2P-P4 CYBORIGO (FT) M Fipe 8/o 11st 6b 2-1 6-1 6-1 20-1 62K31 DAVY BLAKE T Delocity 12vo 9st 11lb 10-1 20-1 15-1 12-1 P-12PO DOM SAMOURAN (FR) (CO) M Por 8/0 10d 11b THE LORD GYLLENE (NZ) S Brodehav tiyo FS. 70 254 254 254 254 61/04 MUDAHMI (C) (D) P Hobbs Tayo 10st 11b -22F23 CAWALERO H Marress 10yo 9xt 33-1 25-1 33-1 33-1 46914 CAMELOT XHIGHT N Teston-Device Toyo 9sl 7lb 331 40-1 33-1 40-1

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W-13	EVEN FLOW (C) T Casey 10yo 10st 16	8-1	7:1	51	8
/3313	KONG LUCKTER (CD) D Nicholson 10yo 9st 12ts	<b>₿-1</b>	8-1	7-1	7-1
P'32	THE LAND AGENT (BP) JIMAN BYO TOOL	64	6-1	84	7.1
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	HAPPY CHANGE Miss Venda Williams 5yo 12st	16-1	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
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2.00: (2m 6f 110yds, novice hurdle) 3. Bistrawi Also ran: 16-1 Ballynabragget (4th), 50-1 Fox Ridge (5th), 50-1 Pertemps, 66-1 Eps-lo de La Ronce, 86-1 Michaght Master, 100e, 66-1 Midnight Master, 100-toc. 100-1 Forest Flora (6th). 100-1 Orphan Olly, 100-1 Spencer Stations

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16TH - 17TH - 18TH MARCH THURSDAY SOURCE
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13 ran. 19, 30, 10, 8, dist. (winner bay gelding by Arctic Lord out of Mayotte, trained by Miss V Williams, at Hereford, for Lody Harrist, Tota: win £170; places £20, £140, £170 Dual Forecast: £940. Computer

Also: 11-4 Romancer (4th), 10-1 Bartholomew Feir, 12-1 Cipram Cueen (8th), 121 Fleeting Mandate, 25-1 Sicux To Speak,
33-1 Old Archives (5th), 40-1 Smart Guy,
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RESULTS 3.30: (3m 2f 110yds, handicap chase)

1. SELATAN \_\_\_\_\_\_ C Lieuwillyn 3-1 SELATAN C Ulowellyn 3-1 fav
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Also: 5-1 Dancelllyoudrop, 11-2 Jurassic Classic, 6-1 Spring Gale, 6-1 Pennymoor Prince (Bith), 8-1 Rectory Garden (4th), 2-1 Easthorpe (5th), 51 Mellion Fairway, 50-1 Northern Village, 11 ran. 1/s. 20, 11/s. 10. (winner chestnut gelding by Shemazar out of Selenet, by trained by 0 Gandotto, Wentage, for Starfight Recting), 16te: 1480; 52:30. C350, 12:30. DF: 12810. CSF: 130.90. Theast: 1234.83.

4.00: (2m 6f 110yds, handicap hurdie) 1. MASTER PILGRIM H Williamson 4-7 

rymore Mist ......Mr T Mitchell 7-4

Also: 6-1 Frenchy Maits. 12-1 Mr Miller (4th), 20-1 The Ten Amigos, 40-1 Guignol du Cochet, 66-1 Good Show 8 ran. 8, 27, dist. Invitruer chestruit gelding by Riberetto out of Shall Le Dia. trained by Mass V Willerns for Gill Harrison), Tota: £200: £160. \$150, \$340, DF: \$240, CSF; \$280,

CARLISLE 1.50: 1. COURT ORDEAL (Mr R Forristal) 3-1 Ji lav; 2. Ellerback 3-1 Ji fav; 3. Mas-storn 7-1 10 ran. nk, 6. (R Bevis, Malpas).

Placepot: \$5.80. Quedpot: \$4.40. Place 6: \$5.46. Place 5: \$5.17.

Tota: \$4.50; £1.70, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £5.70. Tobe: SASO; ELTO, E130, E270. DF: SS70. CSF: E1132
2.20: 1. CHARMING ADMIRAL (J Supple)
8-1; 2. Bold Action 7-1; 3. Amen't We Lucky
7-2. 15 ran. 5-2 fab We Frangipeni (dd not finish). 3½. 10. (Mrs. A. Swinbank, Richmond). Robe: E301; E170, SASO, E140, DF: 685.20. CSF: SE182. NF: Major Harria.
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2.50: 1. JUST LIZZIE (N Homods) 11-2; 2. Oat Couture 9-1; 3. Valedictory 4-1, 8 ran. 3-1 fav Finewood (5th). 11/4, 1. (R Moon, Selark), Tota: 26:30; 5:40, 5:270, 5:20. DF: 5:930. CSF: 5:4956. Theast: 5:2028. 3-20: 1. THE HEXT WALTZ (F. Supple) 5-2 fav; 2. Better Times Ahead 7-2; 2. Parsons Boty 9-2 7 rath. 7, 21/4. (L. Lungo, Carrutherstown), Pote: 5:203; 5:20, 5:17. DF: 8400. CSF: 5:035. 3.50: 1. JUNE'S RIVER (Mr A Dempsey) 5-1; 2. Dovetto 4-1; 3. Scraham Cross 9-4 1; 2. Dovetto 4-1; 3. Scrahan Cross 9-4 lav. 7 ran. 5, 5. (Mrs M Reveley, Saltburn). Tota: £5.90; £160, £2.30. DF: £9.80. CSF:

£21.53. 4.20: 1. SIR BOB (C McCormeck) Evens fay: 2. Sewarts Pride 2-1; 3. Suprame Spice 12-1. 6 ran. dist, 14. (W McKown, Newcastio). Tote: £246; £1x0, £120, £170. DF: £230. GSF: £359 NRs: Double Buck, Stephen's Bree. Placepot: \$250. Quedpot: \$14.20. Place 6: \$78.04. Place 5: \$45.97.

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Finns are looking up as Myllylae strikes

FASHION

### Lions record lures Guscott

THE PRINCE of Centres may be getting on a bit but, rather like the Prince of Wales, he does not see why mere age should prevent him assuming his rightful place on the throne. Jeremy Guscott yesterday committed himself to another year of Premiership rugby with Bath and, while England's midfield maestro would oo doubt insist that he was taking things a sea-soo at a time, this latest extension to his contract suggests that the idea of a fourth Lions tour in 2001 might be lurking in the back of that shrewdest of

Guscott can already pride himself oo his memhership of a select band of British and Irish internationals who made the Lions Test side on three consecutive tours: Gareth Edwards, Mike Gihson and Willie John McBride, who had the longevity to feature in no fewer than five separate parties. are among the legends with whom he is hracketed. But noone in Lions history has ever played in three major series-winning sides and, with the 1989 and 1997 triumphs safely stowed in his designer kitbag, that particular Holy Grail may lure the 33-year-old onwards for another 28 months

For the moment, Guscott has signed himself up until the end of May 2000, "I wouldn't have put pen to paper if I wasn't enjoying my rugby," he said yesterday. "I don't feel old at all: in fact, I feel as though I were 19 RUGBY UNION

By CHRIS HEWETT

or 20 again. Of course, there will come a time when I can't make a hreak or a tackle and I'm no use to anyone, but I hope I'll have the sense to stop before that happens."

If Guscott's recent form is

a reliable guide, he will not render himself useless for some time yet. Indeed, if the Lions selectors were to convene tomorrow to choose a XV capable of giving the Wallabies or the Ali Blacks a hurry-up, his would be among the first names on the team list, probably stationed alongside Scott Gibbs, who partnered him in '93 and '97, or John Leslie, the Scottish New Zealander from Otago whose gifts were very much in evidence in Saturday's Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham

There is still some doubt over the Lions' precise destination in the summer of 2001; while the Wallaby hierarchy believe there will be a three-Test series in Australia, their nearest and dearest enemies from across the Tasman Sea beg to

Whatever the outcome, only Guscott has a chance of writing himself into the record books by completing the bat-trick to end them all. A tiny handful of colleagues from the 1989 victory in Australia are still playing Test rugby - Gary Armstrong and Craig Chalmers with Scotland,

neither of the two Scots toured South Africa in 1997 and, while Young was selected for that trip, he failed to make the Test line-Meanwhile one of the South

Africans who faced Guscott in the '97 series, Jannie de Beer, yesterday confirmed his intention to play for Bristol if the sec-ond division club complete their much-debated takeover of the financially challenged exiles of London Scottish. Not that the former Springbok from the Free State, one of the experienced imports behind a startling recent revival hy the Richmond-based club, was remotely overjoyed at the prospect.
"I don't want to see the club

bought out," he said. "All the guys who play here have worked so hard for each other and we should be allowed to go on and see just how far we can

Bristol's downturn in fortunes, exacerbated by Sunday's narrow defeat at Coventry, only increases the likelihood of their pressing ahead with a deal that has outraged many rank and file rugby

No longer the promotion certainties they once appeared to be - Worcester and Rotherham are now the form horses in Allied Dunbar Premiership Two - the West Countrymen may feel more inclined to huy a place in the top flight rather



Mika Myllylae hits the snow as his team-mates arrive to celebrate the Finn's second gold medal at the Nordic Skiing Championship in Ramsau, Austria yesterday. The 29-year-old, who won the opening 30km cross-country race, upset the form book to beat the Norwegian favourite Bjorn Daehlie in the 10km event yesterday. I never thought a gold in the 10km would be possible, it's my worst event,' Myllylae said Results, Digest page 27; Photograph: AP

#### Mayock plans **Belfast** return

ATHLETICS

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

JOHN MAYOCK, forced to miss next month's World Indoor Championships because of injury, plans to be back to time for the World Cross-country Championships on 27-28 March.

The European indoor 3,000m champion, named vesterday in the British team for Belfast, is currently in Ireland receiving treatment from Ger Hartmann, the physiotherapist Liz Me-Colgan credits with saving her career. But Mayock indicated to the selectors that he would be fit enough to contest the 4km race in what is now a two-day cross-country event

Britain's leading cross-country runners Paula Radcliffe and Jon Brown, who missed Saturday's trials at Nottingham in order to prepare on the other side of the Atlantic, were included in the six-strong teams for the longer Belfast races, over 8km and 12km respectively. Radcliffe joins the first three home in the trials -Angelo Mudge, Tara Kryswicki and Lucy Wright. The remaining two discretionary places go to athletes who missed the trial - Birhan Dagne, the 21-year-old Ethiopian currently applying for full British citizenship, and Vikki McPherson of Scotland.

McPherson's fellow Scot Have ley Haining, whose unexpected 13th place in last year's World Championships helped Britain to an unexpected team bronze, told selectors she was unavailable because of a calf injury: The American Jackie Joyn-

er-Kersee will lose ber world heptathlon record at the end of this year due to a technical change to the women's javelin. From 1 April a new javelin with a slightly different centre of gravity will he used in women's competitions so that

consistently on its tip. As the javelin is one of the seven disciplines used in the heptathlon, the International Amateur Athletic Association has decided to erase Joyner-Kersee's mark of 7,291 points set at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

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### Whitchurch eye border crossing Devils on title tightrope

WHITCHURCH, THE Welsh club whose tenure in the English National League was limited to the 1994-95 season, gained a four-point cushioo at the top of the West of England and South Wales Premier on Saturday with a 5-3 defeat of Robinsons,

their ocarest rivals. Chris Banning, their 19-yearold striker, opened the scoring as they raced to a three-goal lead. However, the English club fought back to level the scores, before late goals from Danny Jones and Ben Selly secured the points.

LUDLOW

2.00 True Vision 2.30 Blown Wind 3.00 Jack

3.30 TAP ON TOOTSIE (nap) 4.00 Builder Boy

Alight-hand course. Chase course has sharper bends than hur-

Shrewsbury line) 2m. ADMISSION: Club E14; Tattersells E10 (OAPs

■ LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 25-95 (26.3%), O Nicholson 22-61 (361%), K Bailey 19-82 (23.2%), T Forster 15-85 (17.5%), ■ LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 23-83 (27.7%), R Joinson

2-108 (204%), A Maguire 16-79 (203%), R Durracody 14-54 (259%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Tory Boy (200), Renardine Boy (830).

2.00 CAK CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F)

O LITTLE MISS LUCY (75) M Heaton-Ells 5 11 8.\_\_\_ B Powell

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OFSO: TRUE VISION (397) M Pipe 5 11 0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ A P McCoy

D JACK REEF (33) O McCon 4 10 13 \_\_\_\_\_ T J Missphy

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Vision, Suratoga Saga, 25-1 Little Miss Lucy, Greenscres Goddess, Jack

A disappointing/untalented collection, RUSK landed a similar

event in the first half of the season and has an obvious chance

of giving a repeat performance. Martin Pipels magic will be

needed to bring True Vision up to scretch, while Tory Boy

RESURRECTION (F36) M Chapman 4 10 2 ..... W Worthington

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4.30 Fern's Governor 5.00 Approvance

E Course is NW of town off A49. Ludlow station (Here

receive £2 refreshment voucher); Course £5. Accome

under 16s tree. CAR PARK: Free.
FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

FAVOURITES: 168-481 (391%)

Real, 33-1 others

has clearly had his problems.

LONO DISTANCE RUNNERS: les.

BY BILL COLWILL

Malcolm May, the Whitchurch chairman, said: "It's

been our driving ambition to get back in the National League. We enjoyed it very much when we were there, except for a few on Saturday at home to Gloucester." May said the club's ambi-

tions had been enhanced by the with a goal from David Alford

Mohammed, and the senior internationals, Tyrone Moore and Mark Lewis.

One club who will not be making the ascent to the National League are Bath Buccaneers. Their hopes finally collapsed when they went down 4-3 to Weston-super-Mare. Yet minute penalty stroke save. of the results, and we have set the first distress signals were our hearts on getting back. We evident when, at the halfway would love to seal our position stage of the competition, they umpires at Wycombe, with the parted company with their player-coach, Ian Jolly.

In the South, Wimbledon,

efforts of their new coach, Nazir in 36 seconds, beat Richmond 1-0 to take over from the inactive Fareham, whose game at High Wycombe was played as a friendly when one of the umpires failed to arrive. In a scrappy game, Wimbledon were grateful to their goalkeeper, Kelvin King, for a 60th-

> Old Cranleighans, who have had their own difficulties with consequential deduction of hind the leaders, Manchester three points, moved into third | Storm, with one game in hand. place following their 2-0 win | but realise that defeats at Ayr against Winchester.

#### ICE HOCKEY

THE CARDIFF Devils coach. Paul Heavey, yesterday urged his side to stay focused after losing their way during Sunday's Challenge Cup semi-final first leg at home to Nottingham Panthers. Devils must raise their spir-

its for four vital Sekonda Superleague games in the space of the next six days following their surprise 3-2 defeat by Nottingham at the IceHouse.

Cardiff are eight points be-Scottish Eagles today and

may end their title chances. Heavey said: "I thought we were a hit unlucky to lose against Nottingham. Both sides played well and I suppose it could have gone either way. But we're oot too upset because

Sheffield Steelers tomorrow

we've got the second leg to put things right. "We now have to get our minds on to the cext job, which is four massive games in just six days. All four will be tough and

we just have to focus on them

4.30 ASH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV 1) 23,000 added 2m

FORM VERDICT

FERN'S GOVERNOR ran away with quite a decent novices event under similar conditions here in December (Bastnan held)

and she can defy a panelty at the expense of another Che-tonham hopeful in in Question. Interdresm should be each-way material at decent odds.

5.00 ASH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV ii) £3,000 added 2m

12 DON FAYRIZ (87) (D) (8P) H Daly 7 11 10 ... ... ... I Johnson P APPROVANCE (17) (8P) O Sherwood 7 11 3 ... ... J Osborn 4P; ARCTIC THUNDER (USA) (F41) B Paling 8 11 3 ... W Marsion

4P; ARCTIC THUNDER (USA) (F4T) 8 Paling 8 th 3 ... W Maratori P2LIOD BARNANE WALK (09) 7 Lick 7 th 3 ... H Oliver (5) DI ITOF KUWAT (92) 2509 6 McCourt 0 th 3 ... H Oliver (5) DI ICOMASTA (19) Mis D Butter 5 th 3 ... M Williamson OH MALEAUM (SER) (22) D Bridgester 5 th 3 ... N Williamson OH MALEAUM (SER) (22) D Bridgester 5 th 3 ... N Williamson OH MALEAUM (SER) (22) D Bridgester 5 th 3 ... N Williamson OH MALEAUM (SER) (22) D Bridgester 5 th 3 ... N Williamson OH MALEAUM (SER) (22) D Bridgester 5 th 3 ... N Williamson OH MALEAUM (19) H Mcmson 7 th 3 ... N D Cullishy (19) OF TOM LOMAK (19) H Mcmson 7 th 3 ... N D Cullishy (19) DEE (1947) O ONER 7 th 2 ... N Shattary LONG ROOM LAUT N Theton-Daves 5 th 2 ... C Limenthy (19) FFT304 BALLITSICYOS (FR) (11) M Pipe 4 th 77 ... A P McCorp P0 MY LOST LOVE (19) A Holingsworth 4 th 77 ... Gary Lyose, P4 TREVERRICK (19) T George 4 th 77 ... R Wilding -15 datelared -.. R Wilding 5 th 100 from 12 of 24 Approvemon, 5-1 Little Heart, 7-1 Naculato, ETTING: 5-4 Don Feynuz, 9-2 Approvemon, 5-1 Little Heart, 7-1 Naculato,

BETTING: 5-4 Dos Feynuz, 9-6 Approvence, 5-1 Little Heart, 7-1 Nonleto, 10-1 Trevertick, 12-1 Arctic Thunder, Malbeum, Sellystryos, 20-1 others FORM VERDICT

Approvence failed badly to justify market confidence on his first attempt over hurdles and the excuse that he could not han-

de the heavy ground conflicts with the fact that he won on that ground on high Derby day lest year. LITTLE HEART and

Don Fayruz were also quite useful on the Flat, and the for-mer whose form has been boosted, is just preferred.

chester in the Challenge Cup proved. Storm will also be looking to recover themselves after that mauling by the Steelers as they face games at Ayr tomorrow

one at a time. Avr and Sheffield

in successive nights will be

very tight games. Both have

good home records, with

Sheffield playing particularly

well as their 5-0 win over Man-

and Nottingham oo Thursday. Cardiff travel to Bracknell Bees on Saturday before a potential title decider at home to Storm on Sunday.

#### GB squad, Digest, page 27 **Leeds to take Spurs**

EXTRA TIME beckons. Tottenham, whose last five league games have all ended in stalemates, may be held to a draw in 90 minutes by Leeds in their FA Cup replay at White Hart

Spurs are an improved side

Blackburn may also be held

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By Ian Davies losing 1-0 at home to Charlton on Saturday.

Finally, Arsenal should make short work of Sheffield United deserved a draw in their controversial 2-1 defeat in the first game but the Gunners - following their 5-0 win over Leicester - can make class count.

FA CUP REPLAYS

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Derby	2-5	49	49	1-2	_
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#### WEEKEND POOLS FORECAST

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4 Everton v Wimbledon
5 Manchester Utd v Southampton
6 Sheffield Wed v Meddlesbrough

7 Torrenham v Derby...... 8 West Ham v Blackburn.... NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

9 Bolton v Crewe 19 Bradford City v Wesi Bromwich 11 Bristol City v Ipswich 12 Grinsby v Bermingham 13 Norwich v Sheffield Utd...... 14 Partsmouth v Port Vale

NATIONWICE LEAGUE SECONO OIVISION

THIRD DIVISION

33 Cambridge Lind v Southend
34 Chester v Carlisle
35 Halffax v Hull
36 Hartfepool v Rotherham
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PREMIER LEAGUE

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#### LINGFIELD

2.10 Van Gurp 2.40 Scotland Bay 3.10 Hawksbill Henry 3.40 Robellita 4.10 Sharp Hint 4.40 Lincoln Dean

GOING: Standard STALLS: Inside except Im - outside.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to 'im, especially for 6t

Equitrack surface, right left-handed track.

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LEADING TRAINERS: G L Moore 84-679 (138%). R Hennon 49-379 (129%). M Johnston 48-28 (171%). G Kethusty 45-326 (138%). ELEADING JOCKEYS: A Clark 77-672 (126%). J Weaver 68-32 (185%). S Sanders 85-563 (115%). R Cochrane 57-352 (162%). FAVOURITES: 744-2200 (338%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Burtons Folly (340). Mischlef (340).

2.10 MARCO POLO APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £2,750 added 1m 4f

11/PSS RED BRANCH (90) J King 10 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_T J Murph 23145 BOLD STATEMENT (33) (D) H Doly 7 11 0 \_\_\_\_\_R Johnson 11 -P620U COOLREE 05 (C) J King 11 10 1 ....

m weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Legal Artist 9st 11ib. BETTING: 5-2 Moodand Hightlyer, 5-1 Nirvans Prince, 6-1 Bold Statement, Lay It Off, 13-2 Decyborg, Carlingford Gale, 10-1 Cooline, 14-1 others

A very hard race and one which cannot be approx a lot of confidence. Cartingford Gale has had a few touch races recently but has the form to win and Moorland Highflyer is in good form, but it could be worth chancing RED BRANCH who is thrown in on his best form, is renurited with Timmy Murphy and should start at a decent price

3.00 RON TRAYLOR PLUMBING NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 438230 NON VINTAGE (47) (CD) M Chapman 6 ti 8.... W Worthington UB30-F HIGH GALE (7) P Nichols 7 ft 3..... 00-452 JACK (65) J Tuck 7 11 3 ...... TIZES NORTHERN DRUMS (421) (D) M POS 8 TI 3 \_\_\_\_ A P McCoy PPOPPE ROYAL SWEEP (21) Dr P Priorend 10 113 .\_\_\_ Dr P Priorend

OF SPIRITED STATEMENT (75) S Brookshaw 8 to 3 \_\_\_\_.S Wynne 10 OPSPSF WHITE IN FRONT (11) Mrs A Pros 8 to 3 ......Mr P Costello (7) 4P225 CHARMING GIRL (74) (D) O Sherwood 6 10 12...... J Outomi - 11 declared -BETTRIG: 3-1 Circus Star, 7-2 Bignound, 9-2 Chemning Girl, 11-2 North-em Druma, 0-1 Non Ventage, High Gain, Jack, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT Them are question marks about all the runners in this novice chase and confidence in anything can only be minimal. CIRCUS STAR was the best over hurdles so he is given the

FORM VERDICT
This race revolves around the in-form VAN GURP, if as effective at this longer trp, this ig-form handcapper is very much the pick of the weights.

2.40 COLUMBUS CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) \$2,750 added 7f

12 400-52 SASEEDO (USA) (10) (D) Jindge 88 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G Bardwall 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 declared -\_\_\_\_\_\_ G Bardwall 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 declared -\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6-1 Scotland Bay, 7-1 Perictee, Oark Menace, 6-1 Popeloy, Castle Astitoy Juck, 10-1 others FORM VERDICT

Garmock Valley is the one runner who comes here in top form but has an outside craw and has never run on Equitacic. In a trappy race in which nothing much appeals, he can reasonably be opposed with SCOTLAND BAY, who ran well enough last time and has an easier task today.

3.10 M & L SIMMONDS SILVER WEDDING CLASSIFIED STAKES (F) 52,750 1m 2f

2.30 BROOME HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3m 3.30 SARA HAMILTON-RUSSELL TROPHY H'CAP HURDLE (E) £4,750 3m 2f 110yds 1-1422 LADY OF GORTMERRON (17) (D) (BF) N Twiston-Davies 7 ft 11

(2P22- NIRVANA PRINCE (355)(C)(U) 8 Proces 10 11 13J Mogford (7) OPS-2P DECYBORG (FR) (75) (D) M Pipe 0 11 12 \_\_\_\_\_\_ A P MicCoy 5622P CAPLINGFORD GALE (24) (D) T George 8 11 8 Mr K R OTHYM (7) 

12 PR3PP LEGAL ARTIST (63) (C) (D) Mass C Johnsey 9 100 ... D Gallaghar - 12 declared -

FORM VERDICT

ned, although Bigadund is a lot better than he has shown this

4.00 LUDLOW RACEDAY STAFF NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (F) £3,500 2m 4f

FORM VERDICT

Current form points to Milister Generosity and Tap On Toot-sle, while a case can also be argued for Julitare and Snow Board. But there could be value in supporting EMTEFAAL who has slipped to a very lenient mark and hee shown signs

**FORM VERDICT** Relicall is on a roll but it could be chancing RASHSKIN. The selection ran really well in good company for a long way last time and 2m4f on this ground should be perfect.

FORM VERDICT

HAWKSBILL HENRY, in common with the other principals, has a poor win record but in the Blodlest winner. He is the pick of the weights in this classified stakes and is suited by course of the weights in this classified stakes and is suited and distance, having run well on all four tries at it. 3.40 DERBY RESTAURANT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,500 added 1m 4f

FORM VERDICT ROBELLITA is the pick on torm, proven over course and de-tence and tooks the Ballest wirner, though connections de-cision to persevere with the regally-brad Mischlef has to be

4.10 HOME STUD "FRAAM" HANDICAP (E) 

00-110 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE (27) (CD) D Barker 7 9 9 T Williams ( 503-03 SHARP HBIT (10) D Mchols 4 9 9 Akm Grum 00955 SCURRILOUS (1) J L Harris 4 8 5 Dean McKeo 90-20 WESTSIDE FLYER (14) (0) A Valency 3 9 0 P Fredericks T 60-20 WESTSAUS FLYER (14) (0) A Velicumy 3.9 OP Fredericks (5) 5
0 64-20 TACHYCARDIA (19) (CD) N Berry 7.8 12 ... ... A Calism (6) 4
00-30 NOBLE WATER (FR) (7) 12 Bridger 4.8 ... ... R Briston (7) 10
10 0ST-68 ALLSTARS DANCER (4) T.J Naughton 5.8 7... ... P Doe (3) 7.8
11 00005 SHARP HOLLY (10) M Bradiston 7.85 ... ... ... ... Scanson (7) 8.8
12 03630 MISPRINT (8) E Wheeler 3.95 ... ... ... ... ... Scanson (7) 8.8
15 ETTING: 13-2 Sharp Hint, Westside Physe, 7-1 Another Nightmann, Scanfloos, Allstars Dancer, 8-1 Mise Bararma, Tachycardia, Noble Water, 16-1 others

**FORM VERDICT** A competitive little earths with some Belly types, including ALL-STARS DANCER, who should be meaning her peak after a couple of runs after a break. Also watch out for a return to form by Mysticism, who is well handicapped on her old form

4.40 H & S BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 addad 3YO 1m

- 6 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Thomas Heavy, 7-2 Baron De Pichan, 4-1 Love Dia 5-1 Shabeest, 6-1 Lincoln Dean, 7-1 Brathy. FORM VERDICT
The admirably consistent BARON DE PICHON improved again in defeat only on Saturday and, back against his own age group. into extra time

Lane tomorrow night.

under George Graham hut, at Highbury tonight. The Blades after a couple of league disappointments. Leeds have bounced back with victories at Astoo Villa and at home to Everton.

to a draw in 90 minutes by Newcastle at Ewood Park. Blackburn were woeful when going down 4-1 at borne to Sheffield Wednesday oo Saturday, but Newcastle were not much better in losing 2-1 to Southampton at The Dell.

First Division Huddersfield, although held 0-0 by Tranmere at home on Saturday, could force premiership Derby into a draw in 90 minutes at Pride Park. Derby looked poor when

18 Bournemouth v Wycombe
19 Burnley v Giffingham
20 Chesterfield v Manchester City
21 Colonester v Reading
22 Lincoln City v Bristol Rovers
23 Lincoln City v Bristol Rovers
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24 Macclesfield v Wigan
25 Northempton v Milliwall
26 Norts County v Malasii
27 Preston v Oldham
28 Solae v Wreelaam

NATIONWIOE LEAGUE

SCOTTISH 44 Ayr v Hibernian k
45 Chidebank v Morton 1
46 Raich v Airdrie 2
47 St Mirren v Hamilton 1
48 Stransaer v Falket 2

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### Britain's void is Lloyd's worry

WHILE TIM Henman and Greg Rusedski played doubles to gether in London last night with a view to the Davis Cup tie against the United States in Birmingham at Easter, David Lloyd, the British captain, fretted about where his next international player was com-

Lloyd could not contain his frustration that Andrew Richardson, a squad candidate he hoped to see play against world-class opposition, had rejected a wild card for the £510,000 Guardian Direct Cup because he did not consider he

Richardson's world ranking of No 444 provided compelling evidence in support of his decision, even though it meant turning down the chance to collect £3,200 as a first-round loser. And that is precisely the amount the 24year-old from Lincolnshire has won so far this year on his journeys to Qatar, Australia, India and Germany, competing chiefly

in low grade tournaments. "It was a total shock to be offered a a wild card, and I didn't feel comfortable taking it," Richardson said. "The money would have been nice, but in singles I'm struggling at the moment, I was just being honest. I felt it would be better to give the opportunity to some-

BY JOHN ROBERTS at Battersea Park

ried me was that he didn't say, 'I want to show these world class guys'. I was disappointed, but not in a nasty way. I would just like to see him play. If he was in the draw as a wild card, none of these guys would expect an easy ride. They don't like playing somebody like Andrew. He's a very good player. But he doesn't believe he's a good player."

Richardson's wild card went to Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, the world No 13 and Australian Open finalist, who advanced to the second round yesterday with a 6-1, 6-3 win against the Swiss Marc Rosset, the 1992 Olympic champion.

Britain does not have a wild Jeremy Bates, the manager of men's national training at the Lawn Tennis Association, decided, in consultation with one of the tournament promoters. Jeremy Dier, to take three wild cards for pre-qualifying instead. Martin Lee, Simon Dickson and David Sherwood failed to win a

Lloyd's concern about the lack of a supporting cast to Henman and Rusedski - "it's a



stars and nothing else" - is acute. Both were injured when Britain lost 4-1 to Zimbabwe at Crystal Palace in 1997, the irony heing that Richardson produced the performance of the tie in defeating Byron Black, Zimbabwe's No I.

Moreover, Richardson accepted a wild card for the inaugural Battersea event last year, and the 6ft 7in left-hander nick-"It was honourable," Lloyd danger zone, the gap is getting named "Flex" defeated Rosset conceded, but the bit that wor wider and wider, it's a worry in the opening round. But

after losing in the first round at Wimbledon last year to the Moroccan Hicham Arazi that he decided to quit the game. Henman persuaded him to

try again, and was his doubles partner in Qatar last month. Herman's coach, David Felgate, also helps Richardson with his game whenever possible.

Yesterday the British No I supported Richardson's decision concerning the wild card. "I think it was a good effort,"

when you have got two super- Richardson was so distraught Henman said. "He showed a lot Two of the Euro-African Zone, of integrity. It's the first time a British player has done a thing

like that for a long time." Henman, the No 2 seed here, is due to play his opening singles match tomorrow night, when a meeting with Jan Kroslak offers an opportunity to erase the memory of one of Britain's darker days, Kroslak won their only previous match in a Davis Cup tie on clay in Slovakia in 1995 as Britain slipped although one or two players to their lowest point - Group

effectively the third division.

Rusedski, the No 3 seed, is due on court tonight against Italy's Gianhaca Pozzi, ranked No 65, who ended 1993 as the oldest player ranked in the world's top 100 (33 years and 6 months).

The strong winds yesterday threatened to transform the indoor tournament into an outdoor event. Fortunately the tented roof withstood the strain, gave it some anxious giances.

ALEXANDRA MEISSNITZER, maintaining her winning form from the recent World Ski

Championships, beat her fellow

Austrian Anita Wachter by 65

hundredths of a second in Are. Sweden, last night to virtually

Competing under the lights

on the world's only illuminated

GS course, "Meissi" had a com-

bined time of 2 minutes 12.97

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was the ninth victory of the sea-

son and fourth in the series for

slalom title.

Meissnitzer

closes on title

"The roof makes strange noises in the wind," said Goran Ivanisevic, the No 7 seed, who advanced to the second round in spite of losing a set 6-0 against the Dutchman Jan Siemerink, "You have to be doubly concentrated, not freak out like I did," added the Croat, who hit 12 double-faults before

GLIARDIAN DIRECT CUP (Battersea Park, London) First round: O Princis (Ger) bt A Pavel (Rom) 7-6 6-3; H Arazi (Mor) bt 3 Utaraci (Cc Rep) 7-5 6-4; T Entyets (Swe) bt M Rosset (Swit) 6-1 6-3; G Namisevic

surviving, 6-3, 0-6, 7-6.

#### Holliday to ease **Swinton** plight

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

THE SWINTON coach, Les Hoiliday, is to make a playing come-back at the age of 37, because of his club's injury crisis. The former Great Britain loose forward, who last played - in similar circumstances - over two years ago, is to turn out in the Alliance fixture against Batley tomorrow night and then consider whether to pick himself for Swinton's next first-team match, against Bramley on 7

"I'm going to have a go and see how I feel," said Holliday, who spent most of his career with Widnes and Halifax, as well as representing his country three times. "I've kept myself pretty fit and it could be that I'll be able to help the young lads more out on the pitch than I can from the sidelines."

Swinton have six first-team players ruled out with longterm injuries and their results, including a 78-4 thrashing by Huddersfield in the Challenge Cup and a 22-18 defeat in the Northern Ford Premiership at Doncaster, last season's bottom club, on Sunday, have reflected the strain on their resources.

"Garry Schofield was an inspiration to me with the way he played for Doncaster against us," Holliday said. "He played with his head and never got his shorts dirty. If he can still do it, perhaps I can."

Holliday's willingness to get the hoots out of the attic underlines his determination to continue at Swinton, despite their dismal start to the season. "If I threw the towel in, it would show a complete lack of leadershup qualifies," he said.

He also has the backing of the club's chief executive, Tony. Barrow. "We aren't going to panic after losing a couple of games," he said. "That would be

Super League has brought in some extra income with the sale of television rights for the next two seasons to Fox Sports



Zimbabwe's player-coach scents success in this year's World Cup in England. By Iain Fletcher in Harare

Cup," said Trevor Penney dur- improving and having players ing the recent second Test return is a great boost." match against the England A touring side. Being the player in Zimbabwe two winters ago in coach of the Zimbabwean A team and a vital member of Warwickshire in the last few seasons, he is well placed to judge.

"Definitely, I think we could cause an upset or shock some countries who tend to think of us as easy pickings," he said.

"We've had two talented players return to Zimbabwe and this has made a huge difference to the quality of the side," said Penney, who was himself born in Zimbabwe. With three years left on a contract in England and a lucrative benefit in the offing, the 30-year-old Penney is, however, not likely to follow the example of Neil Johnson or Murray Goodwin and return to Zimbabwe.

"Murray was struggling to get a game in a strong Western Australian side so be decided to come back to Zimbabwe and Johnson has played in England for Leicestershire as well as in South Africa for Natal for a few seasons. He was also born in Zimbabwe so we're not poaching

England certainly struggled the infamous "we flippin' murthe A teams in Harare, it was

there is a cutting edge missing.
"We struggle with everything to do with the quickies,"

Zimbabwe do well in the World I can see that the standard is

dered em" series but, watching the recent first Test between difficult not to think that England looked the superior side. Nine of the Zimbabwean

side had played Test cricket but, with only eight clubs in the country and about 100 cricketers, it is unrealistic to expect them to have the strength in depth that county cricket affords the English. It is not the depth that counts as much as the top 13 or 14 and Zimbabwe are no longer weak. The Flower hrothers, Grant and Andy, are excellent cricketers and Heath Streak spearheads the bowling attack with aggression and pace - hut Penney realises

he explained. "We have pretty slow and flat wickets in Zimbabwe so we don't develop the out and out quicks, or get used to facing them. We tend to proplayers but having our own nat- duce medium-pace line and ural talent return." Penney said length bowlers, but that is an-We only got Test status in other reason why I think we

I WOULDN'T be surprised if we were bound to struggle, but A damp May in England could suit us. Sometimes playing for Warwickshire I spend most of the first month playing and

missing at four balls in six." Penney believes that much of the improvement in Zimbabwean cricket has come since their southern neighbour, South Africa, invited them to enter a side into the Currie Bowl competition. It is in this cricket that Penney plays for Zimbabwe A as an overseas player.

"Playing against the South African provincial second teams has helped us greatly," he said. "It exposes us to lots of different players and has made our batsmen learn to face fast and aggressive bowling. Last year we came second, which proved that we were getting tougher in our attitudes and this year we are joint top with Eastern Province, who we go to play after this England tour. Without the South African help I admit we would struggle to develop as quickly as we have, hecause I think Zimbabwean cricket is as

strong now as it has ever been." And what about English cricket, with all the structural changes this coming season? "I know it's been said before but we play too much cricket in

England," Penney said. "There

having players return is a great boost' thing every day for six months Test matches, allow players and they have to look after . their bodies and nurse niggly injuries. I just feel that often there is a lack of fun when really we should be remembering that we play cricket for enjoyment, for fun - that is why we played as kids.

Penney: I can see that the standard is improving, and

"The idea of two divisions is good hut a transfer market worries me. If the authorities want to improve the standard then they should reduce the number of overs in a day. So often the last session is played in a rush is no intensity about practice to get the 104 overs bowled. Cut tell how they have developed 1992 so for the first few years could do well in the World Cup. because players do the same it back to 90 overs a day just like since then.

time to think and watch the quality improve as each over as sumes greater importance Pitches need to improve as well but the trick is to make every ball bowled as competitive as possible. It doesn't matter how and I can't confess to knowing the answers, so it will take experimentation, but good Test cricketers will only come from a healthy environment."

England were warned two winters ago of Zimbabwe's skill in the shortened game. May will

**Dott demolition** heartens Hendry STEPHEN HENDRY rediscovered his golden touch in

super-G titles.

at the Crucible.

"There are plenty of tour-naments before we get to since I won one.

improvement in my form in the last couple of months and the extra confidence that winning a title hrings will do me no harm. But you've also got to put in the work. Talent is not

clinch the World Cup giant ionships at Vail, Colorado, was third in 2:14.80 with Sonja Nef of Switzerland fourth in 2:14.88. followed by Anna Ottosson of Sweden and the former double Olympic and world champion Deborah Compagnoni of Italy. Martina Ertl last year's winner runs down the Gastrappet. It here and the World Cup GS champion, missed a gate in the first run and was disqualified. Yesterday's race marked the restart of the women's World

clinched the 1994 World Cup

Meissnitzer and it also extended her lead in the overall In the giant alalom stand-Cup circuit after the World Championships and was the ings, she now leads Wachter by 620 points to 436 and only needs first of four in Scandinavia's a pair of top 30 finishes in the leading ski resort this week. A ast two races to clinch the title. night slalom is scheduled for Meissnitzer, who led after the Tuesday, another GS will be held under the lights on first run, also has a chance to Wednesday before the firstwin the seasonal downhill land ever women's sprint downbill on Wachter, racing on one of her the Bernhard Russi-designed favourite hills where she Olympia course on Saturday.

title, finished second in 2:13.62. Andrine Flemmen of Norway. the silver medallist ahead of Wachter in the World Champ-Holliday: Back in boots

in Australia. Matches will be

shown throughout Australia every week during the season. Coming on top of a deal to screen matches in Francophone Europe and North Africa via the AB Sports channel in Paris, the deal shows the potential for extra income and exposure now that the competition controls its own rights. Announcements of contracts.

covering other areas of the world are expected before the launch of the fourth season of Super League on 5 March, and a deal for a magazine-style programme to be shown on the BBC is also nearing fruition. Michael Smith, the New

Zealander sacked by Hull after allegedly drinking in a night club until the early hours before playing in their Challenge Cup tie at Castleford, is appealing. against the club's decision.

Smith, who claims not to have had a drink all night, has called in the Rugby League : Players' Association to represent him

His alleged misdeeds pale into insignificance alongside events in Australia, where North Sydney have fined four players a total of almost £30,000 after a brawl in a nightchib, And Julian O'Neill, already kicked out by a series of clubs including the London Broncos, faces a similar fate at South Sydney after incidents that followed a pre-season game in Dubbo.

The stories have damaged the image of the game in Australia at a time when it is hoping for a world record crowd for the double-header that will open Sydney's Olympic

Stadium in two weeks' time. Gateshead's latest Aus tralian recruits, Brett Grogan and Danny Lee, get their chance to stake a claim for a Super League starting place when the new club plays its secand last friendly, at Hunslet

### Crisis of identity Ban threat to Eden Gardens

SOUTH AFRICAS batsmen were cover that James had taken CALCUTEAS EDEN Gardens, BY HIMANGSHU WATTS put in double jeopardy yester- the catch. When the Northern day when they found identical Districts captain, Robbie Hart, twins fielding side by side for brought on one of the Marshalls much of the opening day of to bowl, officials and spectators their three-day tour match had to wait until tea to discovagainst Northern Districts in er the bowler was James. Hamilton, New Zealand

Hamish Marshall, who are virthe tourists rattled up 407 for 4 tually impossible to tell apart, declared and, with the joke confused players, spectators wearing thin, the arrival of the and even the scorers. In addi-twins' father, Drew, in the scortion, there were two other pairs of brothers in the side. Herschelle Gibbs was the first man The embarrassed Mr Marshall to involve the 20-year-old twins had to admit: "They normally when his innings ended at 57 with a drive to mid-on. Scorers. commentators and spectators had to wait until hunch to dis- their Mum might know."

The dilemma provided the The presence of James and only fun for the home side as ers' room seemed to have solved the problem, but no. wear something different which helps, but I have no idea which is which from here...

one of the largest cricket grounds in the world, faces an uncertain future after an unruly crowd forced India and Pakistan to complete the Asian Test Championship in front of

empty stands on Saturday. Police and media outnumbered spectators as Pakistan beat India by 46 runs on the fifth and final day. Trouble on the last two days fuelled speculation that Eden Gardens could be . most three hours when India hanned from Test cricket for some time. "Calcutta may lose Test-cen-

tre status for two years," the In-

dian newspaper the Statesman

said on Sunday. "Save cricket,

ban Calcutta. The city is unfit for

the game," the newspaper declared to an editorial comment. Spectators disrupted play for 46 minutes on Friday when they threw water bottles and oranges at Pakistani fielders after Sachin Tendulkar was unlucky to be run out as he collided with a fielder. On Saturday, spectators armed with stones and bricks disrupted play for alwere on the verge of defeat after Pakistan took three quick wick-

ets. Play resumed only after po-

lice evicted the vast majority of the 90,000-strong crowd. ignominy in 1996 when spectanow," said a spokesman.

Lanka were on the verge of victory in a World Cup semi-final. The match was abandoned and

then conceded by India. Pakistan's captain, Wasim Akram, is reported to want a two-year ban on international cricket at the venue. "He [Wasim] felt that a two-year ban on holding international matches at the venue would be in order to teach trouble-makers a lesson," the Statesman said.

Officials of the Cricket Association of Bengal said they were disappointed by the crowd's behaviour. "We are very shocked. Before holding any Eden Gardens also fell into match, we should think carefully

Aberdeen last night to win Scottish Open title with a 9-1 defeat of his compatriot and first-time finalist, Graeme Dott. And while his first win in Britain for two years was a great relief to the 30-year-old world No 2, Hendry's objective is a record seventh world title

Sheffield but it's great to be going there with a win under my belt," he said. "All my rivals have been winning - John Higgins, Mark Williams and Ronnie O'Sullivan - so this is a great confidence boost. It's almost like winning your first tournament again, it feels that long

"There's been a huge why I've still been putting in the qualifiers at Telford next month. | tomorrow.

hours on the practice table." Dott, a Glaswegian, was no match for Hendry. He could have won at least half of the eight first-session frames but lacked the hig-match experience to put one of the game's top players under pressure. I knew if I could get a good

start Graeme might find it hard going," Hendry said. "He didn't play as well as he has been doing all week hut he has shown he has got the bottle to compete at the top. "He probably didn't deserve

to be 8-0 down but even then I had to be professional and get the job done. You've still got to get over the line and I didn't want to ruin all the good work."

Hendry's pay cheque of £60,000 takes his career earnings to £5.9m and his seasonal prize money to £185,000. Dott collects £32,000 and can take great heart into his final two tournaments, the British Open at Plymouth in April and before enough these days and that's that the World Championship

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### Fifa favours break to ease fatigue factor

THE MOVERS and shakers of world football called yesterday for a four-week winter break for professional players worldwide and urged the sport's governing body to introduce a harmonised calendar by 2004, at the latest, to stop the game running out of control.

At its first meeting since being set-up by their president, Sepp Blatter, eight months ago, Fifa's 20-member Football Committee, a high-profile think tank with no decision-making power but significant influence on how the sport will progress into the 21st century, spent four hours debating important issues facing the game today.

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An array of football's famous, including Pele, Michel Platini, Johan Cruyff and Bobby Chariton, agreed that the most pressing problem was the need for a unified calendar to halt the increasing strain put on the careers of young players and stop them burning out before they reach their peak.
All agreed it was essential to

have a four-week period of recuperation, similar to the winter break taken by a number of European leagues - but in England and Scotland there is no general break in competitions. They suggested the break should be applied on every continent in December and January.

"Players simply do not have enough time to rest these days," Platini said. "The problems in world football are so numerous that we didn't have time to discuss everything but the calendar and rest periods fore 2009 because, after the meeting probably in July,

ciation that they face a beavy

fine if they fail to control their

Joey Beauchamp, was con-

fronted and shoved in the back

by a supporter during the 2-2

home draw against Pompey at

Fratton Park on 28 December.

Crisp packets and a drink con-

tainer were also thrown at

Beauchamp, who was sent off

for a tackle on the Portsmouth

Portsmouth, who have debts

of £7m and are in the bands of

administrators, escaped with-

out a fine but have been told by match ban.

defender Russell Perrett.

the second time in a year.

BY ANDREW CONRAD

are the issues that keep coming back and need to be addressed seriously." Charlton was another to en-

dorse the need to give players a decent period of time away from the game. "Some countries have six inches of frost while others have sunshine at the same time of the year but we have to start somewhere," Charlton said. "Once you can unify the number of games the people play, you can start looking after them."

There was also considerable debate over Blatter's controversial proposal to stage the World Cup every two years. But bere opinions among football's best loved personalities of past and present was mixed.

"I personally think it would devalue the tournament," Chariton said. "But a lot of countries think that it is a good thing. Every two years would certainly encompass a lot of countries but I think the game generally would suffer."

Gordon Taylor, the chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, agreed reduces the specialness of the World Cup would need to be looked at very closely," he said. However, Platini did not and experience."

agree, "I think the World Cup every two years has some merit

"serious consequences".

ciation. A disciplinary com-

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England Under-21 interna-

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PORTSMOUTH HAVE been officials at Lancaster Gate that

The Oxford United winger, rejected by the Football Asso-

2006 World Cup, there is a European Championship, then the Olympic Games."

So many issues were on the agenda that items such as players' agents and the club versus country debate were hardly touched upon. "We skated through a lot of things," Charlton said. "But it was a good start.

Cruyff was among those who called for a reduction in the number of friendly internationals, and Charlton had some sympathy with his view.

"There are important international matches and there are unimportant international matches," Charlton said. Brazil, for instance, play 25 matches a year as part of their Nike contract. If every country came up with something like that there would be terrible Although the Football Com-

mittee cannot force any of the issues discussed yesterday to be applied, their opinions will clearbe considered seriously by Blatter. Pele, for instance, flew in from South America to attend the meeting, at which Franz Beckenbauer was also present. Beckenbauer said: "We are only an advisory group but Fifa will with Chariton. "Anything that be well advised to listen to our views because everyone who was here today has a great reputation and great knowledge

The panel, which also includes referees, coaches and because people like to see the administrators as well as playbest players as often as possi- ers is expected to meet four or ble. But it couldn't happen be- five times a year, with its next

cised the timing of the event

Everton have dropped a mis-

booking for the Frenchman.

against France.

castle or Blackburn.



The defender Carlos Llamosa, of the United States, resists the challenge of Chile's Reinaldo Navia to head the ball away in his side's 2-1 international friendly victory in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Sunday

#### **Noades** barrier to sale of Park

RON NOADES, the former Crys tal Palace chairman who still owns the club's Selhurst Park stadium, said yesterday he was in no positioo to sell the south London ground to Palace's tenants, Wimbledon, writes Nick Harris.

Following reports that Wintbledon's co-owner, Sam Hammam, was considering buying Selhurst Park, Noades explained that, when he sold the club last summer for £22.8m, he gave Mark Goldberg a fiveyear option on purchasing the ground for £10.6m. Only if Goldberg defaults on loan repayments to Noades - the next instalment of £600,000 is due in June - would the new owner technically waive his right to that option.

"Sam can't buy the freehold unless be buys it from Crystal Palace," Noadcs, now the owner and manager of Third Division Brentford, said. However, if Palace's financial problems were to result in the club going bust, be added, Hamman would be free to buy Sclhurst Park for his side, who have been without a permanent bome since they vacated Plough Lane in 1990.

Should Palace stay solvent, Hamman's other option could be to persuade Goldberg to relinguish his claim to the ground and forge an agreement that would see him owning Selburst Park, perhaps as the landlord to Crystal Palace. This option is unlikely to appeal to either side, with Goldberg still hoping to retain control of his club and its home, and Hammam probably not planning on sharing a ground.

Luton Town have lost their appeal against the Government's decision to block the club's plans for a new stadium. A High Court judge rejected

claims that a refusal of planning permission for the Kohler Dome project - a £50m multiple-use indoor stadium next to the M1 motorway in Bedfordshire - was "unreasonable", despite submissions that that there was an urgent need for the Second Division club to leave Its "inadequate, unsafe and inappropriate" ground at Kenilworth Road in the town centre and relocate to secure its long-term survival.

Blackburn Rovers appear set to continue their fight for Premiership survival without the services of their Scottish international, Billy McKinlay.

The midfielder goes into hospital today for an operation on a grom problem that has troubled him for much of the season. The Ewood Park club fear that he may not be able to play again this term.

### Passarella turns down Atletico

#### SPAIN

**FA** rebukes Portsmouth WHILE TROUBLED Real Madrid ponder the future of their beleaguered coach, Guus Hid-The FA has decided against dink, the Spanish capital's warned by the Football Asso- future incidents will have selecting the Leeds pair of other senior club are also in a Jonathon Woodgate and Alan state of some disarray. Liverpool have had their Smith and Everton's Francis

Carlos Aguilar will remain in crowd after a fan invaded the appeal over Jamie Car- Jeffers for the England Undercaretaker charge of Atletico pitch and assaulted a player for 'ragher's controversial dis- 18 squad which will play a trio Madrid for at least another missal against Charlton of European Championship month after the club failed to qualifying matches in Spain reach an agreement with next month. The Leeds man-Daniel Passarella, Argentina's ager, David O'Leary, bad critiformer coach.

Passarella travelled to Madand was upset when Woodgate rid last week for talks with Atletico officials, but failed to and Smith had to report for duty when injured for the recent reach an agreement. However, he hinted he could be interested should the job still be availtaken identity appeal over a able at the end of the season.

"The meeting went well, but I understand what Atletico Olivier Dacourt, and he will now be banned from their FA need at the moment is conti-Cup quarter-final against Newnuity," Passarella said. "It is a job that interests me - but for were going down 3-2 at Real So-

#### WORLD

BY RUPERT METCALF

a longer period of time than was talked about."

Aguilar, who took over from Arrigo Sacchi following the Italian's departure last week, will take charge of the side until next month's Uefa Cup quarterfinal against Roma is decided, after which the situation will be reviewed.

While the Atletico first team

#### ciedad on Sunday, the Second Division match between Atletico's reserve team and Toledo ended with just 17 players on the pitch, after the referee gave five men their marching orders.

Toledo played the secood half with just eight men, and Atletico used a two-man advantage for most of the half to win 2-1. One of the two Atletico players sent off - for the fourth time this season - was the South African World Cup midfielder Quinton Fortune.

Meanwhile, Madrid newspapers have reported that a decision to sack Real's Dutch coach, Guus Hiddink, has already been taken. Speculation about his successor, should his departure be confirmed, centres on the former Real and Milan coach Fabio Capello. The Italian lead Real to the title in 1997 at the end of his only season in charge.

#### HONG KONG IF MARTIN KUHL, the 34-year-

old former Birmingham City and Portsmouth midfield battler, and Gary McKeown, a former Shrewsbury midfielder, were still in England, they would probably be playing non-League football, Instead, last week, they were competing against World Cup men like Bulgaria's Hristo Stoichkov and Luis Hernandez of Mexico.

Kuhl and McKeown played for the Hong Kong League XI in the Carlsberg Cup, a fourteam tournament which also featured Egypt. Michael Midwood, a forward whose League experience consists of one substitute appearance for Huddersfield Town, also played for the Hong Kong side, who lost to Mexico (the tournament winners) on penalties and were then beaten 3-0 by Bulgaria.

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#### ATHLETICS

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Danny Williams, from Brixton, has been being given another date for his British heavyweight title challenge fight against Julius Francis. The bout has been postponed twice - Francis had a virus, then Williams Sustained a cut eyebrow - and has been rescheduled for 3 April in Berhnal Green, London.

Derek Roche and Charlie Kane will fight for the vacant British welter title on the undercard of Naseem Hamed's meeting with Paul ingle in Manchester on 10 April. Kane, from Scotland, will be making his second attempt to win British title after losing a light-wel-terweight fight to Ross Hale in 1995. Roche, from Leeds, is unbeaten in

#### CRICKET

SUPERSPORT SERIES (Final day of four): Johannesburg: Gauteng 422 for 8 dec and 139; Eastern Province 286 and 8 dec and 139; Eastern Province 286 and 127 JC Eksteen 5-25). Gautang won by 148 runs. Rimberley: Western Province 334 and 240 fre 6 dec: Griqualand West 191 and 249 fe Brooker 78. M Arthur 56: C Henderson 5-57). Western Province won by 134 runs. Stellenbosch: Free 206 and 287 for 6 dec JB Dipperatr 120no): Boland 235 and 241 (Klackson 82). Pree State woo by 17 runs. BUSTA CUP Sessi-final (Third day of Four) Triniciad: No play; rain. Guyana 175 (C Lambert 73; M Dillon 6-46): Irmidal and Tobago 315 (D Ganga 92. P Simmors 59).

#### FOOTBALL

Clydebank's delayed Scottish Cup fourth-round tie against Dundee United scheduled for tonight has been postponed at the insistence of the Scottish Football Association. The decision caused surprise among Clydebank officials as Kenny Clark, the collection and after western the referee, had sald after yester-day's lunchtime inspection that he was willing to look at the Boghead pitch again this morning. Gordon Chisholm. Clydebank's assistant manager, said: "We said that we would work on the pitch tomorrow in the hope that it would be playable, but it seems that Dundee United wanted a decision today. We all know the history of Boghead and that a number of games have been cancelled this season. The tie has been rescheduled for next Monday and there is no saying that the pitch will be any better then." A trip to Ayr United in the quarter-finals of the Cup awaits the eventual winners

Goce Sedloski, the 2S-year-old Macedonian international midfield-er, who was released by Sheffield Wednesday before Christmas, has signed for Croatia Zagreb. Steve Howard, the Hartlepool striker, has joined Northampton in a deal which could eventually be worth £120.000. The 22-year-old is set to make his debut against Walsall in the Second Division tonight. Dundee have signed Steven Boyack from Rangers for £25,000, an in-crease of £5,000 on the original of-

fer that Jocky Scott, the Dens Park manager, made last week. manager, made last week.

The Football League has appointed Terry Heilbron to referee the Worthington Cup final between Leicester and Tottenham at Wembley on 21 March. Heilbron, aged 46. is from Newton Aydliffe, County Durham. His two assistants for the game will be Irevor Poliard from Bury St Edmunds and Steve Tomilin from Lewes.

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE Albion Rovers v Cowdenbeath Ross County v Brechin ... TENNIENTS SCOTTISH CUP Fourth round: Postponed: Clydebank v Dundee Utd (playing Monday). NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE

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OTHER SPORTS

SPORTING DIGEST

An inaugural Offshore World Cham-pionship was announced in Southampton yesterday by the chairman of the Offshore Racing Council, Hans Zuiderbaan. The week of four to six races will be held in Porto Cervo, Sardinia, in September. The second event, also for yachts racing under the IMS handicap system, for 2000 is expected to be on the east coast of the US.

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ditions ease."

AROUND ALLONE RACE Third leg (Auddand to Punta del Esca) Postitions, with miles to the finish: Class I: 1 M Thierein (Somewhere) 1.340; 2 G Sodin (Fila) 1.514, Class II: 1.-P Mouligne (Cray Valley) 2262: 2 M Garside (Magellan Alpha) 2417; 3 B Van Liew (Batance Bar) 2555.

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The annual salary in dollars (£177,000) that the president of the Salt Lake Organising Committee for the 2002 Winter Games, Mitt Romney, will pay himself - but only if the

Games make a profit

classic cross-country: 1 M Myllyla )Fin) 24min 19.2sec; 2 A Scadlober (Aut) 24:34.7; 3 O Hjelmeset (Nor) 24:37.1: 4 A Prokurovo (Rus) På 38.8; 5 B Daehlle (Nor) 24:45.6; 6 E Jevne (Nor) 24:46.0; 7 J Mae (Est) 24:48.5; 6 E Bjervig (Nor) 24:52.0; 9 M Manov (Rus) 25:04.9; 10 F Valbusa (t) 25:05.6. Medals table affer Fourth day: 1 Nor-way (Gold 2, Silver 1, Bronze 2); 2 Fin-land (2,1.0); 3 Germany )1.1.0). knocked out Tegwen Malik, Wales' top-seeded world No 22, in the semi-finals, before overcoming the South African third seed, ranked 39

#### Pamela Nimmo, a 21-year-old Scot

from Edinburgh who is ranked out-side the top 50 in the world, won her first World Tour dile in Denmark on Sunday when she beat South Africa's Annelize Naude in the final of the Danish Open. Nimmo, the world No S3 who became the Scotdsh champion in December, was seeded sk for the event - and de-feated Belglum's fourth seed, Kim Hannes, in the quarter-finals, then

TENNIS Jana Novotna, the Wirmbledon champion, has withdrawn from this week's Paris Indoor Open because of flu. The 30-year-old Czech was taken ill shortly after beating the American Venus Williams 6-4, 6-4 in the final of a WTM metric in Hancome.

American Venus Williams 6-4, 6-4 In the final of a WTA event in Hanover LEADING ATP TOUR RANKINGS: 1 P

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### Fifa go-ahead for Arsenal rematch

ceived a shot in the arm last night when Fifa decided to allow the rematch of the FA Cup fifth-round tie between Arsenal and Sheffield United to go ahead tonight. "We are obvi-ously pleased that our original decision was seen to be the correct one." a Football Association spokesman said.

Arsenal prevailed 2-1 in the first encounter, on 13 February, but in a manner that led the club to offer immediately to restage the game. United had kicked the hall out of bounds so their player. Lee Morris, could receive treatment for an injury. But Arsenal's Marc Overmars scored

BY STEVEN BAKER

from a pass by Nwankwo Kanu following a throw-in that their team-mate, Ray Parlour, had directed towards the Blades' goalkeeper, Alan Kelly.

The FA was quick to sanctioned Arsenal's offer, and Fifa's president Sepp Blatter was full of praise for the gesture. On reflection, however, Fifa decided it had to discuss the issue, especially as no actual infringement of the laws had taken place, merely a contravention of

Arsenal's Tony Adams said

England defender was rested for the original tie, but said: "There's no way I could have lifted the trophy in May having not replayed this game. We want it to be played. We think it's fair that we start again

of the FA Cup." Arsenal have sold 38,000 tickets at half price for the rematch, and Adams is delighted play it again.

even-stevens in the fifth round

"It is the sensible and honest thing to do," he said. "A mistake has been made and the lads involved have thrown their hands up. I'm honest and I know the

no way we could have gone through to the next round without having offered a replay.

"Personally, I was astonished that the game finished. I thought it would have been stopped before the end. 1 couldn't believe it when somebody told me we had played the last 15 minutes.

have come to light since, but the referee played it the way he saw it. I think Steve Bould, who was the captain, suggested a few things but the ref said there was nothing he could do because no

"A lot of possible scenarios

laws had been broken." Arsenal's manager, Arsène was incensed straight after the

he would have felt terrible if Fifa manager is honest and there's Wenger, said it had not been no way we could have gone easy to focus on the game.

"It has made things difficult." he said. "Yesterday, for the whole day, the game was on and off and the phone kept going. It was less difficult for the players because they didn't know. They just came in and said 'do we play or not?' Twenty-four-hours before a

game this is not the best way." Arsenal, still glowing from their 5-0 demolition of Leicester City on Saturday, are without Martin Keown, Emmanuel Petit, Matthew Upson and Luis Boa Morte.

Wenger's Sheffield United counterpart Steve Bruce, who

game and only placated by Ar-senal's offer, also believed Fifa was wrong to leave it so late.

Bruce had asked: "It's quite farcical because, if they had something to say, why didn't they say it a week ago? Thousands of our fans have bought tickets and paid to go down there, so it appears strange for it to happen a week later. It seems a hit late in the day to

change the decision." Bruce looks set to keep faith with the same side which started the original game and drew with promotion-chasing Brad-

ford City on Friday.

concerned, the game has always been on," he said. "The players have been focusing on a big game again and they want to play again. It's been a pretty hectic couple of weeks but from the outset, I've said I hoped common

sense would prevail. "Most of us in football aren't really interested in politics. All our lads want to do is get on with the game and play football again. The sad thing about the whole episode is we were only 12 or 13 minutes away from a proper replay back at our ground.

"It's difficult enough to go to Highbury once but it's even We've prepared normally more difficult twice. We know it's because, as far as we've been a difficult task but we'll give it

our tactics were spot-on last time we were down there.

"We know we have to be at" our maximum and catch them on an off-day but I thought we played extremely well in the first me, especially in the second half. I thought we caused them a few problems and got a

foothold in the game."
Bruce has added the reserve goalkeeper Simon Tracey, Michael Twiss and Nicky Marker to the 14 on duty against Bradford, while around 4,000 United fans have bought tickets at £8 each - half the price charged for the original tie.

More football, page 28

### Honda make rivals see red over white car

THE WORLD of Formula One likes nothing more than a bit of intrigue to spice up the long months of the close season, and the latest imbroglio concerns a plain white car that could be seen circulating at Silverstone yesterday, in between the bright sunshine, gale-force winds, gusts of hail and occasional snowflakes. The problem with the new Honda grand prix car, according to its months away.

they withdrew. But in 1983 they teams, with whom they won several world championships. In 1991 a recession threatened prompted a second withdrawal. mate is judged appropriate for

a full-scale return. Their strategy is to spend an entire year testing their proto-Harvey Postlethwaite, the Eng-

BY RICHARD WILLIAMS at Silverstone

Ferrari, before making a competitive debut. Driven by Jos Verstappen, the talented young Dutchman, the car shocked its putative competitors by posting the fastest times throughout a three-day open test session at Jerez in late January. Suspectrivals, is that it goes too fast - ing that the Honda was being even though its first appearance run beneath the permitted minin an actual race is still 12 innum weight limit, or otherwise nonths away. infringing regulations, other teams demanded a rule to precame in 1964, also with a plain vent such demoralising - and, white car. Four years later, with more importantly, publicity-hogonly two wins to their name, ging - behaviour Postlethwaite refused to comment on those returned as engine suppliers to accusations yesterday. "We're the Williams and McLaren just getting on with doing what we want to do," he said.

only Benetton ran their cars the British-based teams -But now the commercial cli- McLaren, Williams, Jordan, Arrows, Stewart and the new BAR outfit - are expected today and tomorrow for final tests before crating up their brandtype, under the direction of new cars and shipping them to Melbourne for the first race of lish designer formerly associ- the season, the Australian



ated with Hesketh. Tyrrell and Grand Prix, a week on Sunday. White lightning: Honda's controversial new grand prix car returns to the pits at Silverstone yesterday after another rapid testing session

David Ashdown

#### THE TUESDAY CROSSWORD

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### Tyson in isolation after TV tantrum

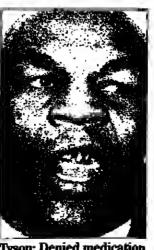
IF MIKE TYSON is trying to show that he is repentant, reborn and ready to return to the ring, he is going about it in a strange way. Already in jail for assaulting two motorists, the former heavyweight champion is now in isolation after a tem-

per tantrum. When Tyson was sent to prison earlier this month, he and his lawyers kept quiet in the hope that he could avoid being disqualified from the ring again. He had only recently recovered his licence, which was taken away after he bit off part of Evander Holyfield's ear. Then he attacked two motorists near Washington after a minor traffic incident, and was given a year in prison. He was still on probation for raping a beauty pageant contestant in Indiana. having served only part of the sentence. The strategy seemed to be to keep a low profile and hope it all blew over.

But on Saturday, Tyson apparently threw a television at the bars of his Maryland prison and was sent to the administrative segregation unit. "Mr Tyson was going through some problems Friday night," said Eric Seleznow, spokesman for Montgomery Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. "He threw a TV," he said. "He threw it against some bars with people on the other side.

No one was hurt."

BY ANDREW MARSHALL



Tyson: Denied medication

the boxer's renewed bout with the authorities, sources in the Tyson camp told new agencies on Sunday, was that he had recently stopped taking his anti-depressants. The medication was stopped by prison doctors after Tyson refused to let a prison psychologist examine him, according to AB

The incident came after a guard hung up the telephone while Tyson was trying to use it. A disciplinary hearing was being held yesterday, with

prison, that seemed unlikely. "He's been generally compliant dent," Mr Seleznow said.

The question mark hanging over Tyson's career gets larger every day. One query is whether Indiana calls him back to serve out the rest of his rape sentence, if it deems the conditions of his parole violated. One reason why Tyson's lawyers did not immediately appeal the jailing was that if he did his time, then Indiana would leave things be. The authorities did not revoke the terms of his parole after the Holyfield incident: Tyson was said to have done well beforehand, to have done more than the required community service, and to have attended counselling sessions for sex offenders.

However, there is another set of questions, over the attitude of the Nevada Athletic Commission. They took his licence away in 1997 and gave it back last October, but it must be in jeopardy again. In particular, Tyson's handlers had told the NAC that he was often depressed, but that this could be controlled through the use whether Tyson is safe without

of drugs. He was taken off the drugs a week before his fight in January with François Botha. The latest incident poses big questions about

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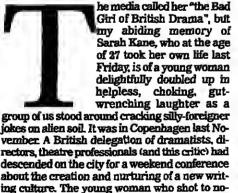
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## TUESDAY REVIEW

Sarah Kane was a writer of shockingand angry talent. At the age of 27, she took her own life. Did herplays foreshadow her death?

BY PAUL TAYLOR



toriety and front-page prominence at the age of

23 with her Royal Court play Blasted, bided her

time and stole the show at this event. Playing up to an audience of eager, yet slightly chippy Danes, the Brit contingent had perhaps overstated the positiveness of the relationship between dramatist and theatrical establishment in this country. Here was the cue for Kane, in the evening session, to cut the self-congratulatory cant and launch a devastating account of the innumerable ways in which a writer's vision is often, and for institutionalised reasons, betrayed in this world mecca of theatre. The Danes lapped her up.

Afterwards, with everyone a bit hysterical from a gruelling 14-hour day, we drank too much and started poking fun at the (to our ears) supreme absurdities of the Danish tongue where, say, the word for "bookshop" is "boghandel". My first thought that night was: how can one square the spectacle of this slight, fresh-faced hlonde woman, creasing herself in schoolgirlish laughter, with the dark extremities of the dramatist'a imagination that has put on stage every atrocity from the eating of dead babies to forcible sex-changes in totalitarian prisons; from violent male rape to castration and a mutilated penis sizzling on a barbecue? My second thought was: no, somewhat frighteningly, this adds up. The life-loving elation was the flip side of the depression that did, indeed, eventually push her to the brink and beyond.

So, it's the laughter I remember: but in her short professional life, it has to be said there was not a great deal for her to laugh about. Blasted, the play in which Bosnia suddenly erupted into a Leeds hotel room (brilliantly staged by James Macdonald at the Theatre Upstairs in January

1995), can be seen as both the making and the behaviour was not motivated by malice, but by unmaking of her. Not many 23-year-old dramatists wake up to find their latest work the subject of heated discussions on Newsnight, or dismissed as "a disgusting piece of filth" by the Daily Mail, or hailed as the most auspicious Royal Court play since Edward Bond's Sixties masterpiece Soved with its metaphor of the babystoning. What had been put round Kane's oeck was simultaneously a garland and a millstooe.

After a suicide, it is only human to grope for something - or preferably someone - to blame. It is a temptation that should be resisted. In the following days, there will, doubtless, be cheap journalistic exercises in breast-beating hindsight, alongside the suggestion that, given her men-tal fragility and the media feeding-frenzy that tended to accompany her every play, the suicide was a tragic accident waiting to happen. The truth is more complicated and humdrum. It's certainly the case that very few journalists come out well from the Blasted brouhaha - not least this critic. Not only were the reviews almost unanimously hostile, but the play provoked an astonishing level of moral outrage which spread to the news pages of papers that normally regarded theatre as entirely superfluous.

I was present, straight after the first-night performance when two of my colleagues on other papers led the charge by deciding to cook up this play as a oews item. My informed guess is that: a) neither of them had been profoundly offended by the play; and h), their subsequent an almost childish sense of journalistic fun - the thought that it would be a wheeze to drag the theatre out of the ghetto of the theatre pages and into mainstream public attention.

Of course, in all the resulting fog of whippedup synthetic indignation, the play - which both exhibits prerocious taleot and is obscurely flawed - never received the kind of sustained analysis it deserves. It is a drama in which the central character (like Kane's own father) is a tabloid journalist and, among many other things, Blasted is an indictment of the priorities of tabloid journalism. Ironically, the reception of this work endorsed her cultural diagnosis. Thought was abandoned: instead, the press gave Kane the "Bad Girl" label and left her with the impossible dilemma of living up to it - and living it down.

It's perhaps no accident that, just as her friend Mark Ravenhill followed up Shopping and Fucking with a cootemporary reworking of the Faust legend, Kane moved after Blasted into the relatively less exposed area of classical updates. But Phaedra's Love is, I sense, a very personal work. The ache to find something redemptive and tender in a godless, loveless universe (crucially, Kane was a lapsed born-again Christian), here becomes more insistent. The play's most piercing stroke is Kane's radical solution to the tricky problem of finding a modern-day counterpart for the proud young prince, Hippolytus, who spurned his stepmother's amatory overtures with a priggish, militant chastity.

Love under the threat of institutionalised violence in 'Cleansed'

Ivan Kyncl

In her version, he becomes a grungy, reclusive, Nineties slob whose denial of love is expressed not as celibacy but as the indiscriminate indulgence of someone who treats sex as junk food and crap TV. He idly allows Phaedra to give him a blow-job, which cruelly highlights the fact that while it's easy to get in to this guy's knickers, it's impossible to get in to his heart.

Kane's last two works pushed two divergent extremes: visual and verbal. Cleansed, again beautifully mounted by Macdonald last spring oo the main stage of the Court, was like a cross between a play and an installation piece as it evoked an unremittingly harrowing institution designed to rid society of its undesirables. For the first time here, in my estimation, the yearning for some loving, purifying alternative to the horror, symbolised in the incestuous devotion between a brother and sister, made a deeper dramatic impact in a Kane play than the atrocities.

A drama for four lost voices, Crupe moved to the opposite pole, some critics likening it to radio drama, notwithstanding director Vicky Featherstone's superb staging coocept, in which the characters sat on a line of swivel chairs like the guests on some metaphysically confessional TV show. The piece is Jerry Springer meets TS Eliot, quotations from whose poetry run through the verbal exchanges. In my review, I wrote: "On a number of occasions, Crave echoes The Waste Land: 'Give, sympathise, control." Eliot's poem, written during a nervous breakdown, gestures towards regeneration myths with which it cannot make a living connection. At a further desolate remove, Kane's play beseechingly gestures towards the impotent gestures of the poem. That is the measure of its despair. Watching it it crossed my mind that perhaps, as with Eliot, a reconversion experience to Christianity was

I suspect, though, that on these deep issues she was incapable of the consolations of self-deception. Sarah Kane was a moralist of sometimes rebarbative rigour and mordant wit. A terrible pity that her career, which began with a storm of publicity, looks set to end in the same way. We all, press and theatre included, need to take far greater care of young talent and to remember that, as Ezra Pound put it, art is news that stays news. But, if the ending is grievously premature it also, like her writing, demonstrates an unselfsparing logic and, yes, considerable strength of character

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Democratic left

Sir. Your leading article of 20

to influence the choice of the

Labour leader in Wales and his

evident determination to deny

individual members of the party in

London even the right to nominate Ken Livingstone as a candidate for

that almost all the campaigns for

Labour Party have been led by the

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Labour Party leader, previously

exercised by MPs only, to allow

constituencies and affiliated trade

unions to have a say through an

electoral college, which was bitterly criticised at the time, but

led to the election of Tony Blair in

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leaders.

previously opposed by all the party

It was the left that extended the

But what you have overlooked is

February was right in drawing

attention to the authoritarian way

in which the Prime Minister sought

Headlines concentrating on 28 babies who have died out of 122 treated by the negative pressure tank (iron lung) method could have read, just as meaningfully, as "94 babies saved from certain death". A similar number died from conventional treatment in the control group. Babies born very prematurely live their first few weeks on the margin, under constant threat from infection or other complications.

If we pursue witch-hunts instead of knowledge we will all suffer, as my son did for the first six months of his life at the hands of "conventional treatment", until Dr Southall put him in a negative pressure tank and gave him a whole night's rest and sleep for the first time and so gave him the rest of his life.

Having gone through the pain of seeing my baby "intubated" and "oxygenated" with lungs controlled by machines, I ask just how much more barbaric can conventional treatment be. The feet and hands are cut several times a day for tests and lines inserted into limbs and the head, along with a range of other excruciating procedures.

No wonder parents of premature children are terrified and bemused by consultants. At the time of Dr Southall's trials, proponents of conventional techniques generally refused even to give painkillers to the babies. The line given to parents was that premature babies did not feel pain. No wonder Dr Southall came across so differently to parents, as he spent his life searching and testing alternatives that might cause the parent and child so much less grief.

Doctors who strive for improvements to relieve pain and suffering should not be pilloried. Experimentation is the only way we will learn for future generations. TONY PIERCE Mereworth, Kent

Sir. The question of informed consent is always difficult for emergency situations. If we banned all randomised controlled trials including sick babies we will condemn future children to no prospect of better medical care. What is the best method of obtaining informed consent from distraught parents two to four hours after the birth of their poorly baby?

The authors of the scientific paper on the North Staffordshire trial (Pediatrics 1996, vol 98:pp 1154-1160) report that 36 parents chose not to allow their babies in the trial and also report that two sets of parents withdrew their children from the study after initially giving consent. These facts are

Medical ethical standards are changing and I am sure paediatricians are better at getting consent now compared with 10 years ago. Patient (and parent) information leaflets are now inspected by ethics committees and we have all learnt to write in simple, uncomplicated Dr RICHARD I LINDLEY Consultant Geriatrician and

#### Oafs rebuked

Western General Hospital

Sir: Seldom have I seen a more pusillanimous leader than yours of 19 February, in which you deplore Jack Straw's call to us not to "walk

Situations which involve violence should be handled with care, but lesser incidents we can all confront Despite my age (79), or perhaps because of it, I recently rebuked three young men for smoking in a railway carriage. They mocked and jeered, but then I started going round the carriage, canvassing support: I had got no further than the first fellow-passenger when the smokers backed down and

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Carnival in Venice No 2: Revellers gather at the Artists' Ball

Andrew Buurman

whether rats feel a hit under the

weather - it is about terminator

seeds empowering commercial

unforeseeable and irreversible

about removing man's need to

So I would say this to the

impartial scientist: "For God's

sake, have a point of view. This

impartial scientific research."

To the confused politician:

"Commercial genetic engineering

could be the greatest threat to the

nation state since the atom bomb.

You'd better be prepared to fight

that corner if you want my vote."

French lead the way

Sir: Your report on the reduced

("Kafkaesque world of a French

social experiment", 22 February)

is fine on economics and business

but omits mention of perhaps the

most important impact of all: on

technology and computerisation it

makes sense that sooner or later

people should be allowed to start

planning their lives around the

certainty of more leisure time.

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and unemployment - which is

Better an element of choice and

leisure" of early redundancies

what the free market has meant in

Britain (and of course in France so

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imagination deters no francophile

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IAN FLINTOFF

London SW6

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extinguished their cigarettes. This kind of oafish behaviour is not a "public display of high spirits": the least we can do is support each other in combating rudeness, rowdiness and

vandalism, as and when they start, Jack Straw is right. Dr C D V WILSON West Kirby, Merseyside

Sir: Jack Straw's call for a more community-led approach to fighting crime is a welcome change from the right-wing pronouncements he made recently abont the alleged effectiveness of prison.

However, whereas everyone has a duty to do what they can should they come across a violent crime being committed against an innocent party, such as a mugging, I do not think it is wise to recommend that people should place their lives at risk for the sake of property. A few smashed windows on a phone box are utterly irrelevant in comparison with the value of human life. Far better to advise people merely to

report the incident to the police.

Sociologist have rightly told us that crime is a result of poverty and poor education and socialisation. However, crime is also a result of a wider cultural ethos which has, for at least the past twenty years, encouraged competition, social atomisation and greed. This is the paradox at the heart of the Blair administration – a call for community spirit, but acceptance of an economic system based on

individualism. I fear Mr Straw's comments will fall on largely deaf MARKS LANG

Port Talbot, South Wales

No royal wimp ·

Sir: Kirsty McLeod's article on royal parenting (Historical Notes, 15 February) is not the good advertisement for her book Battle Royal that she obviously hopes. Apart from the politically incorrect mocking of an individual

with knock-knees how does one's "upbringing" produce this physical defect? My own son suffered from it, not I hope because if the way we hrought him up. However he managed to survive thirty years in the infantry, including a spell in the Parachute Regiment.

Nor can George VI have been all that of an invalid if he managed to survive Dartmouth pre-1914 and active service at sea in 1914-18, including Jutland. He also coped with the then dangerous activity of learning to fly as an RAF pilot and was a keen rider to hounds. Wing Commander TOM HUDSON Buckingham

#### Thames abused

Sir: Lord Attenborough and others (letter, 22 February) are right to highlight the planning nonsense that is affecting the Thames in Richmond. Sadly, the problems of out-of-scale, inappropriate development on the banks of the Thames are not confined to Richmond and Twickenham, but are affecting the Thames and its banks along its entire London stretch.

Much of the development is for so-called "luxury housing" which does little to deal with local housing needs, often adds to local transport chaos by demanding unnecessary parking spaces and denies rights of access to the river

Sir: The objections to Sinn Fein keeping Semtex under the

threatened if it does not get its

way in the Paris "negotiations"

Sir: We get the police force we

deserve, and if we don't like it,

above. Meanwhile, you can view

television seven nights a week.

we'd better change it - from

institutionalised racism on

negotiating table are petty

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when compared with the

PETER McKENNA

which, in turn, restricts recreational and educational opportunities for millions. In some parts development turns the river banks into concrete canyons, which denude the banks' natural quality and ability to deal with flooding. Proposals at Wapping and at Fulham football ground go as far as to build into the river - a true indication of the inefficient

use of land in London. Old Father Thames is literally being sold down the river Significantly, in its proposals for the Greater London Authority, the Government mentions the Thames once, and then only in terms of transporting waste or tourists. PAUL de ZYLVA Friends of the Earth London

London N1

#### **GM** testing time

Sir: Thank yon to Anne McElvoy for her insight-rich article "The Government must listen to our fears about GM food" (17 February). I have many reservations about GM foods, and these are certainly not due to my "peasant suspicion of technology": I have a degree in biology and considerable laboratory experience and have read textbooks on GM techniques and scientific papers on the subject, every one of which has set loud

What we need is considerably more than "to tighten testing and licensing procedures along the same lines as those applied to new drugs on the market". Drugs are easy to test. They are specific, pure chemicals whose dosage can be

alarm bells ringing in my ears.

precisely controlled. Foods are infinitely complex. Possible harmful nutritional effects from eating genetically distorted plants may only be evident in the long term or even in our children or grandchildren. It will, realistically, take 50 years to fully test them for

We don't need them and would do well to divert our precious resources and creativity to developing the many and diverse safe foods we already have. JOANNA CLARKE Glasgow

Sir: Discussions about the safety of cloning and of GM food always sound like two blind people arguing whether it is safe to cross the road. One of them is saying, "There is no evidence that there is any traffic. and there is a big reward on the other side". The other replies, "There may be traffic coming, and the only way to know is to step out and see if we get hit - I'm staying here". The first responds, "I'm prepared to take the risk, and if I

go, we both go." GM food safety is not just about

#### IN BRIEF

How many different police dramas have been unveiled since the death of Stephen Lawrence? And how many of them have featured a non-white officer as the leading character? TONY WALTON Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex

Sir: Whether or not 4x4s should be allowed on country lanes (letter, 22 February) they should certainly be barred

use of these monsters as fashion statements has intensified traffic problems Moving or parked, they obstruct the passage, and the vision, of drivers and pedestrians, reducing normal streets to one-way channels and creating serious traffic hazards. Using them for the school run, for shopping trips or for commuting is nothing but selfishness: if ever there was a case for differential road tax they are it. ALAN SHELSTON

#### government whips issued instructions to Labour MPs to vote

for a transitional House of Lords based entirely on patronage, the left voted against it. By contrast, when the "New Labour" National Executive, in accordance with the Prime Minister's wishes, decided to vet all the names for the European elections, and put them in order, on a single party list, they denied the electors the right to vote for the

support, which is a basic democratic right. All candidates standing for the: Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly have also been vetted . and this is how Dennis Canavan MP and Ian Davidson MP have been kept off the ballot paper.

individual candidates whom they

In the next general election it is possible that the same centralised. process will be used to deny some constituencies the right to select the candidates they want to represent them.

"New Labour" seems determined to squeeze democracy out of the party, and out of Parliament itself. TONY BENN MP (Chesterfield, Lab) House of Commons London SW1

#### Cash economy

Sir. I constantly hear about measures to encourage and help small businesses tool up and prepare for the new world of

electronic commerce. Last week I needed, in a hurry, to transfer £600 from my current account with a major high-street bank to another of my current accounts with a different major

Afterphone calls to both I was advised that the quickest and cheapest option was as follows: travel to a branch of bank number one and withdraw £600 in cash; travel to a hranch of bank number two and hand it in over the counter. (This supposing, of course, that I could find one of the dwindling number of bank hranches.)

Is anyone out there looking at bow very large companies might be encouraged to prepare for the 21st century? JANE PERRY Guildford, Surrey

#### Lost in translation

Sir: Steve Boggan's report (20 February) about the pitfalls of English usage here and in the US reminded me of the son of a Texan friend and his wife. He was called Randolf and she Gaynor and they came to London on business. At parties they introduced themselves charmingly with the words, "Hello, we're Gay and Randy." For a while they wondered why people looked a bit put out or muttered things like, "Jolly good!" before edging away, until a kind colleague finally RICHARD GUNTER London W14

### A discerning palp on the pulse of our protean language

FROM TIME to time I like to hring describe "alternative" medicine you an update on the way the English language is evolving, with notes on the evolution of particular words as monitored by my tireless team of lexicographers and language mavens. Here, then, is our glossary supplement for Febru-

Alternative: 1) Word used to describe ultra-conventional comedians who appear on quiz shows, Question Time, etc., etc.; another

word for mainstream. 2) Name given to a kind of medicine which is said to cure alternative diseases. (See

"Complementary". Anal: Shorthand word for unrelaxed.

Analogue: See "Digital". Complementary: Word used to by people who don't like the word "alternative", as that makes it sound something like "alternative comedy". Luckily, there is no such thing yet as "complementary

Digital: See "Analogue". Director's cut: The film the director thought he was making in the first place.

Drug: 1) Kind of chemical substance, very bad for you. 2) Kind of medicine, very good for you.

Epiphany: Word much used by reviewers, describing the moment of revelation when they suddenly see what the book or play they are reviewing is really all about.

Equity: Formerly a term for fairness and justice, now just a posh word for money.

Futon: A kind of Japanese instrument of torture on which the victim reclines to try to achieve spiritual enlightenment through discomfort.

Ginseng: Last year's elixir, wondrous then, forgotten now. Graffiti: Kind of unsubsidised

Homophohia: Homo is the Greek word for "same" and phobia is Greek for "fear", so "homophobia" should mean "fear of anything or anyone the same as you". In fact, it means quite the opposite. Investigative: Description given to any journalist who manages to

ing hours. Leisure: An extremely strenuous activity pursued in gymnasiums by men and women in black

get outside his office during work-



**MILES KINGTON** Eauity: Formerly

a term for fairness and justice, now just a posh word for money

Leotard: A manifestation of the theory that weightlifters' uniform looks good on women.

Multiculturalism: Tony Blair's theory that one man's beliefs are as good as another's, except Glenn

Niche marketing: The amazing discovery by husinessmen that if you provide something for people who want it, they will probably buy it. This is in contrast to the normal kind of marketing which consists in trying to persuade people to buy things which they had no idea they wanted and have no need of. and which make them fat, un-

healthy or poor. Novel: Name given to the first book written by an alternative

Public debate: Term given to exchange of headlines by popular newspapers - as in "Condon Must Gol" - from which the public is totally excluded.

Reincarnation: The mystical system which explains how we pay the penalty in this life for gaffes, boo-boos and public relations howlers which we have committed in a previous life. (See 'Déjà

Paradigm: Yet another word for template.

Placebo: Kind of chalk and water tablet which is now thought to be more effective against most common ailments than ordinary

Reappraisal: Process whereby politicians agree to review some highly controversial public policy and then, when everything has been considered, go on exactly the same as before.

Reprisal: The theory held by the Americans that if you bomb an aspuin factory in the Sudan, terrorists everywhere will lose heart and give up the struggle. Special: A kind of very strong

beer brewed for homeless people. Symposium: Name given by academics to a business conference. (See "Piss-up".)

Synchronicity: The ability of swimmers in a pool to do the same ridiculous movements at exactly the same time.

Technical: Unknowable, mexplicable, unfathomable, as in: "We are sorry for the delay of this service, which is due to technical

Watershed: Name given to the time in the evening after which parents go to bed and leave their children watching television. Work-out: A doomed attempt by leisure people to outwalk or out-

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#### We must not ignore this huge gulf in school standards

"GIVE US a boy to the age of seven, and we will give you the man," reckoned the Jesuits. Dressed up in more gender-neutral language, the Government would agree. That is why it regards the primary school league table which are published today, covering more than 13,000 schools in England and Wales - as so important. If the children are educated properly, the argument runs, there may be some hope for the teenagers.

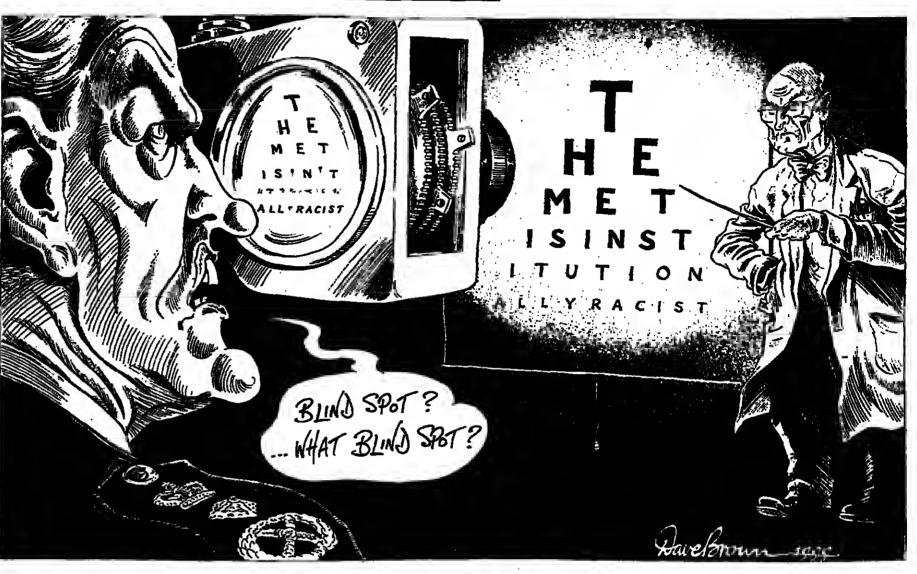
The Government proclaims that people want technocrats, not ideologues. Therefore, its stress on being able to deliver the basics. Therefore, too, the rather moronic refrain "education, education, education". As part of its drive to improve schools, the Government has set standards which 11-year-olds must reach. In English, 80 per cent of children should have reached the standard by the end of this parliament, and 75 per cent in maths. The new league table shows that the initial acceleration towards these targets is now over. The number of children achieving the required standard in maths has fallen by 3 per cent from last year; in English, there is little movement.

The Government will blame this flattening of the learning curve in maths on the, admittedly popular, introduction of the teaching of mental arithmetic. But that explanation ignores the huge disparities there are between the schools at the top and those at the bottom of the league tables. In the worst school in the country, only 15 per cent of pupils achieved the required standard in English, and only 4 per cent in maths, while in the best 27 schools, all the children achieved the standard in both. Such vast differences between schools are unacceptable.

There are few surprises when we look at the tables and see where the good and the bad schools are: the best are in the two car suburbs to the west of London; the worst are in London's impoverished East End.

Such analyses can mask the great divisions that exist within regions - and that is where these tables can belo both teachers and parents to expose incompetent practice. If neighbouring schools with similar pupils are achieving widely diverging results, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the fault lies either with the teachers or with their methods. Parents can use these tables to test the anecdotal evidence on the merits of their children's schools - though the tables would have been more useful if they had been published earlier in the academic year, when parents are deciding where to send their children.

Divisions among schools within the same local authority area will not disappear by having money thrown at them indiscriminately. Schools need innovative and inspirational should not, come cheap.



#### If no one wants peace, bombs won't help

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, the former US secretary of state, once described Bosnia as "the problem from hell". Kosovo is proving to be even worse.

Once again, Nato is on the verge of unloosing bombs on Serblan positions as yet another deadline is reached. And once again Slobodan Milosovic is taking the allies to the wire and possibly beyond. This time we need to be doubly cautious before committing ourselves to an act of war.

Threats of bombing have worked in the past as a means of curbing Serbian aggression against the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo, as they did eventually in constraining Ser- acceptance by two sides of a peace proposal to give Albanheadteachers if they are to maintain their momentum in bian massacres in Bosnia. But on this occasion the US is lans autonomy while preserving Serbian territorial integthe rough terrain ahead. Such teachers will not, and are waving the stick as a means of forcing a peace plan. rity. The threat of force may aid the negotiations. But if

or as necessary. For a start, the rights and wrongs of the two sides are not as clear. The peace proposals worked out in Rambouillet have been rejected not just by the Serbs but also by the Albanians, who look as if they want to use Nato intervention not to achieve a settlement, but to pursue their own agenda of complete independence.

At the same time, the use of force, far from frightening Belgrade, is threatening to divide the allies. While the Americans seem gung-ho, the Europeans are much less enthusiastic about unleashing the bombers in the face of Russian opposition, without more specific sanction from the UN. Nor are even the British convinced that the bombing alone can achieve its purpose.

That, even at this 11th hour, is what the West needs to remember in this continuing crisis. The objective is the It is by no means certain that the threats are as effective neither side really wants peace, then bombing won't help.

#### A game too far

THE NEWS that Camelot is applying to run another National Lottery prize draw is as predictable as it is unwelcome. Camelot wants to make as much money as it can while it still has the licence to run the National Lottery. But this natural desire to maximise profit is no reason for Oflot, the regulator responsible, to grant Camelot's request. Offor would do well to ponder the plethora of existing channels by which mug punters are exploited.

There are lottery draws on Wednesdays and Saturdays and Instants scratch cards. There are "numbers" games run hy the bookies. And you can still do the football pools, play the fruit machines, go to hingo, huy Premium Bonds and bet (by phone or the Internet) on anything from the Hallo Dandy Novices' Chase at Carlisle, to whoever is to replace Paddy Ashdown at Westminster. Maybe, just maybe, Camelot's new scheme is a game too far.

### Condon should go, but there are worse demons still to be exorcised

THE NOISE, the noise! Just when we awareness seminars, black recruitmost need our wits about us, our sens- ment and discipline. And none had es are assailed by the plump wailings of the media in distress. Jack Straw's (partially successful) attempt to injunct the early appearance of the Macpherson Committee's report into the Stephen Lawrence investigation was misguided. But I am not going to go to the stake for a newspaper's inalienable right to scoop its rivals by three days; I have had all the journalistic narcissism that I can take.

And the Government's intervention also allowed a free hit for the Conservatives, with Sir Norman Fowler (he is, by the way, shadow Home Secretary) popping up on all outlets to racist", then that needed to be looked champion freedom and to accuse at. After all the Met was "one of the Labour of control-freakery. Much less noticed will have been Sir Norman's own musings on the true topic of the week, the contents of the Macpherson report itself; or at least, what we know of them.

It is a fair bet that Sir William's phrase concerning the Metropolitan Police, that it suffers from and is corrupted by a "pernicious and institu-tionalised racism", will become part an inquiry in the first place. This is of contemporary history. Like other monsters that have haunted our receot past - anti-Semitism, violent fuscation mirrors the shortcomings homophobia and football hooliganism spring to mind - the image of an innately prejudiced, Alabama-style been long expunged by exposure to the new tolerance.

Acutely sensitive to the problems, a new generation of enlightened chief constables had got stuck in and instituted a programme of training. done more than Sir Paul Condon,

Commissioner of the Met. And then, in 1993, along came the Lawrence case. On weaker ground when talking about the case itself (since it had, after all, happened on his Party's manor, so to speak) Sir Norman Fowler moved from outright condemnation mode to downright incomprehensible mode.

What, he was asked, did he think of the charge of institutionalised racism? Ah, he replied, if this meant that Macpherson was saying that "every single police officer was at. After all the Met was "one of the good institutions, not one of the bad". Sir Paul Condon, he felt, should stay, as his departure would send out a

"very bad message". If nothing else, this pathetic se-uence of answers should remind us that it took Jack Straw (for all his authoritarian tendencies), only a few weeks to do what the Tories couldn't hardly surprising, for Sir Norman's combination of complacency and obexposed in what we have seen so far of the Macpherson report.

Now Sir William is not God. The repolice force was supposed to have port and its conclusions are not infallible. Like jurors, we should treat what we read to our own critical processes, viewing it in the light of our own experience. But it seems to me that the Macpherson report bas latched on to a central problem, which



#### DAVID AARONOVITCH

The Met, whatever its resolutions, treats black people as inherently more criminal than white people

most of us in the Met area know about, but which the Commissioner seemingly cannot comprehend. This is that his police force, whatever its respeople as being inherently more crim-

inal than white people.

This underlying prior judgement, made by many of the individuals in an institution, is what constitutes institutional racism, not, as Sir Paul appears to believe, ingrained discrimination on the part of its managers. It is a racism that can exist even when the canteen culture of "coons", "nignogs" and "jungle-bunnies" has long been driven underground, And, lamentably, it is a racism that Sir Paul, his senior colleagues, and many of us who ought to know better, have given comfort to.

But it is precisely this kind of cal-

account for the fact that its officers when he argues that "there must be stop and search a disproportionate an unequivocal acceptance of the number of young black men. Almost problems of institutionalised racism invariably Sir Paul and others have fallen back on the "unpalatable truth" argument. In certain areas with high crime rates there happen to be large black populations suffering high rates of unemployment, and it is inevitable that operations in these areas will lead

suggested, to allow misguided political correctness to take over and to begin to stop and search white pensioners simply to balance the books. In other words, young black men get stopped a lot because young black men commit a whole lot of crime. Waddva want us to do?

to a distortion of the figures.

Even passionate liberals have lazily bought into some of this argument. But just as most of us have some experience of crime, so also many of us have black friends and acquaintances olutions, consistently treats black who have been the victims of such prior judgements. To be a young black man in possession of a fast car is, in the eyes of the passing copper, to be a young black man in possession of something else. And this makes Condonian sense, because the young black man is more likely to be unemployed and thus to be paying for his ostentatious display of wealth by nefarious means.

culation that contributed to the Lawrence case, and that constitutes the pernicious racism to which Macpherson refers. And it is the fact that Sir Paul cannot see it that means In recent years the Met has had to that he must go. Sir William is right

and its nature before it can be addressed". The truth appears to be that when the police looked at Stephen Lawrence they could not see Stephen. but a young black man.

They are not, of course, alone. This sin of prior judgement - the assumption that you can know some-But the alternative would be, it is thing important about somebody from appearance and impressions - is widespread. Ask asylum-seekers. When picking the mote out of the eye of the Met, we have some beams of our own to deal with. But Condon's inability to "get it" means that he can-not credibly lead the process of dismantling these assumptions.

> Macpherson hints at the need for Condon to go, but does not recom-mend it. Of his other leaked recommendations, some seem to be pure common sense, some are worrying (such as the suggestion, possibly garbled, that private displays of racism be subject to prosecution) and others, such as the ability to retry a case after an acquittal, will require a great deal of argument. The most important relate to the pressing need to make the police complaints and disciplinary procedure more open and effective.

However there is one last warning to be added. It wasn't a policeman who stabbed Stephen Lawrence, and it isn't Sir Paul Condon's fault that the young man died. Listening to the exculpatory garbage from the mothers of those accused of the murder was chilling. We still have a long way to go before our worst demons are exorcised.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The new rule is: if anyone says it's a racial incident, then it is. Don't piss about." Sir Paul Condon. Metropolitan Police Commissioner

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A lie told often enough becomes the truth." Vladimir Nych Lenin, Somiet lender

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THE DISPUTE ou the subcontiment isn't about protein, of course. In fact, it's hard to say what it's about. Perhaps it's about habit - a cultivated hatred with nothing real at the core. But security concerns expressed by both countries are real and legitimate. When your neighbor is setting off explosions just over your back fence, you can't just shrug and keep pruning the rose bushes. But it's eerie to hear these two neighbors speaking about each

other as they do, and to hear them talking up the bomb as the latest modern convenience. It's an old story and it's hard to imagine a happy ending. Stor Tribune, US

THE GOVERNMENT will be supported by most citizens in its efforts to build bridges with India. Some of us might call it a significant change, especially for a society that has remained unchanged for so long.

MONITOR

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD World comment on India and Pakistan's agreement to reduce nuclear risk

provide the needed impetus Frontier Post, Pakistan for normalisation. It can help Pakistan overwhelm elements that seek war. The test is about As we have been saying time

and again, it is India that must both sides tons of good luck.

ONLY THE naive will expect a dramatic breakthrough. There to get under way, and we wish may even be occasional set- Hinduston Times, India

backs. After all, there are THE OBJECTIVE of policy-makcurmudgeonly politicians and bureaucrats on both sides who would not like their pet hates to disappear suddenly. But Mr Vajpayee will still leave his mark on history if he succeeds. More than the agreements, and disagreements, therefore, what the confabulations in Lahore have achieved is to put peace and friendship on top of the agenda, from which it will not be easy to dislodge them.

ers must centre around normalising relations. India and Pakistan can aspire to be one nation again, but with a minor difference — they will be divided only by a border. There is more that binds these peoples together than separates them. Language, culture, a long and shared past are important ingredients necessary for building peace in the troubled subcontinent. The Pioneer, India

#### **PANDORA**

THE SCENE: a pub, Madonna didn't want to play pool, so Richie somewhere in London. suggested she fast-forward Present is Pete Townshend, to the studio's lavish postsurrounded by a coterie of première party at barflies and liggers. Why? SmashBox Studios. Bnt so Townshend is filming a promo absorbed was Richie in his for VH1, the cable channel for pool game that he'd pop kids of a, ahem, certain age. The director, Jon Kane, overestimated his own wants a "loose conversational film's running-time. Result: Madonna arrived at the feel" for the spot; the drink party to find no one there. Did she stamp ber Manolo flows freely and the cameras roll. Townshend begins Blahnik'd heel? No. She sat reminiscing about seeing the placidly with her distinctly Rolling Stones in the early Sixties. The guitarist recalls edgy bodyguards for 20 minntes or so, while waiting his gut reaction to watching for her man. Is this a tamer, Mick Jagger dance meek'n'mild-style Madonna backstage: "It was the first for the new millennium? time I realised that I wanted Our Mr Richie must be to sleep with a man." Excuse me, Mr Townshend? Kane quite a guy. reports: "When he said it. there was this sort of uncomfortable silence and THE NAME Ivana Trump (pictured) has long been then everyone started laughing." So, has the synonymous with literary

excellence. So who better to geriatric rock icon been pen a fragrant introduction to smashing his guitar at hoth a delicate new book called Italian Men: Love & Sex? Italian stallions from Armani to Zeffirelli answer such THE BBC missed a rather pressing questions as: "Your good story for its recent sexual endowment - large, profile of Ian St John, the humungous or molto soccer legend who began grosso?" The woman who put his professional playing the "up" in "prenuptial" is career at Motherwell. probably better known to before going on to glory at Pandora's readers for Liverpool. As a nipper, the peddling KFC Zinger Tower Saint was taken to his first football match by his doting Burgers. La Trump is clearly someone determined to take dad at the Motherwell ground. "It was a freezing a higger bite of publishing's meaty sandwich. cold Saturday afternoon. and the rain was pouring down. My father contracted TWO FAMILY traditions pleurisy the same night, it

found themselves head to turned to pneumonia - and head over lunch last Friday then a few days later, he died." Tragic. in the Lords. Tucking in his linen napkin is little Lord Archer, a fellow who's experienced a Damascene POINT YOUR mouse at the conversion to the Blairite Hungarian government's website and you'll he soothed way of modern meritocracy by the Muzak-esque sounds of -since he was made a life peer, he bates bereditaries. Dire Straits' "Sultans of Swing". Take a tour of Archer sits down at a table Downing Street's virtual filled with... seven bereditaries who probe him venue, though, and all you'll as to his antecedents. bear are the sounds of silence. Well, obviously "You're that fellah that British pop talent is pretty wants to be Mayor of thin on the ground, but c'mon London, aren'tcha?" one

guys, why not an Ugly asks. "The one who'd chuck Rumours demo tape? Or, us all out." Archer how about Dvorak's New assents: "I'd lock every duke in the Tower of London." "Jeffrey," replied the Duke of LAST WEEKEND Saw Norfolk, "virtually all my ancestors have the Hollywood première of the been locked in the Tower." star Britflick. Archer smiled. Lock Stock And Two Smoking pondering. Barrels, where perhaps, a family tradition five minutes after the projector rolled.

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The duo? Lock

Stock's director,

Guy Richie, and

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What the hell, Richie's

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of his own - the reversal threatening his son, James, of the so-called Ferraris team of financiers. three of whom are under investigation for alleged irregularities.

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### It's brutal, it's selfish, it's sex today

FOR THOSE of us concerned about directions in contemporary morality, it has been a rough couple of weeks. On the BBC, the activities of three groups of swingers, swappers and fetish fans were presented with dismaying documentary candour.

Another fly, another wall, and there was Channel 4's Boogie Nights in Suburbia revealing more than anyone could want to know about the world of amateur pornography, in which clammy, bald, middle-aged photographers film creepy male porn stars coupling with dumpy, amiable women in Home Counties front rooms.

Elsewhere on TV, the absurdly over-hyped Sex and the City featured a comic routine about sodomy. In the theatre, The Vagina Dia-logues played to packed houses while, at the local cinema, you could catch Your Friends and Neighbors, an inexorably gloomy exploration of sexual misery. An innocent hrowse on the Internet may lead to an advertisement for Booberama, an invitation to take a trip to Spankland or the offer of a chance to see the latest adventures of someone called Little Oral Annie.



BLACKER

Somewhere along the line something has changed, and the age-old search for pleasure has turned nasty

All right, maybe the browse was not quite so innocent. Hearing one of the new, jaunty warnings of explicit content, nudity and bad language on TV does not have me reaching for the remote control. Like many people, I find a documentary aling the peculiar things that people get up to in their personal lives incomparably more interesting than a hospital or detective drama,

or Rolf Harris going goo-goo over a sick hedgehog. I have even, during one of those lonely late-night moments, found myself investigating the kind of adult entertainment on Channel 5 that the channel has been accused by Lady Howe, who chairs the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, of transmitting purely for titillation's sake. It was unsatisfactory, possibly even unsavoury, her ladyship pronounced, ignoring the fact that many people. myself included, find more that is unsatisfactory or unsavoury in yet another of the endless programmes extolling comfy suburban values in the form of cooking, gardening or

redecorating a flat. Yet something odd does seem to presents a soft-focus fantasy version, the shows on the other channeis might have been put together as a course in aversion therapy for sex addicts. There's nothing new, of course, in low-hudget, slappersand-slapheads porn, nor in the fondness of bored suburbanites for dinner parties that conclude with knickers-in-the-spin-dryer swap

ities have belonged to the outer reaches of human experience.

Now their grubby, onanistic version of sex seems to have become part of everyday life. Americans spent \$8on last year on pornography. rather more than they spent on hot dogs. Hollywood produced no fewer than 7,970 porn films. American students can now take porn studies, a discipline in which, presumably, experts such as Little Oral Annie will be offered honorary doctorates. Everywhere we turn, whether it

is to a ghastly, demeaning sitcom such as Gimme Gimme or to Bret Easton Ellis's best-selling novel Glamorama or the coy and self-consciously controversial Sex be happening to sex. If Channel 5's and the City, sex is presented as a Compromising Positions or Hotline harsh, solipsistic process in which each side is negotiating exclusively for his or her own short-term pleasure. Could it be, the frightening thought occurs, that this development is not mere fashion, an exploitative media trend, but the way it really is out there in the clubs and bars - sharp, greedy, brutal and, above all, selfish

Of course, it is possible that the

games, but in the past these activ- Muggeridge effect is to blame. The writer Malcolm Muggeridge, you will remember, was famously promiscuous during the first half of his life. Then, almost overnight it seemed. the wind changed, the hormones calmed, a rictus of distaste descended upon the ageing features. and the ladykiller became St Mugg. a raving, God-bothering TV moralist forever inveighing against per-missiveness and the misbehaviour of the young. Germaine Greer seems to have undergone a similar process, taking a hard line against casual sex these days, whereas, as Christine Wallace's forthcoming biography reminds us, her behaviour in the late Sixties and Seventies makes the Sex and the City girls seem as responsible as Lady Howe.

Perhaps I have reached the moment when I have become haunted by the ghost of St Mugg but somehow I doubt it. Somewhere along the line something has changed, and the age old search for pleasure has turned nasty. "How do you feel?" the lanky French pornography star of Boogie Nights in Suburbia was asked at the end of a hard day's humping. "I feel empty."

### What hope for democracy in Africa's most populous state?

NIGERIANS HAVE five days to decide who, as president, will lesd them from military to civilian rule. The rest of the world - demob-happy at ending Nigeria's pariah status - is running out of time to decide what democratic guarantees to demand of the West African giant.

It matters. Nigeria is a world player. Ruled by the military for all but 10 of its 39 years of independence from Britain, Nigeria is the world's biggest black nation. It remains the fifth-biggest oil producer on the planet, with a population of more than 100 million. This population represents Africa's biggest market.

It gives us great footballers (Okocha, Babayaro), musicians (Fela, Seal) and writers (Soyinka, Achebe). But it could give much more. It could become a model for the kind of new, democratic Africa that we all want to see. Nigeria as an aspirational beacon for the values of the free world? Well, that is what we must bope for It is why these elections are so crucial.

On Saturday, all around this vast and varied country, Nigerians will filter through green-and-white fabric booths and place their thumb-print heside the name of Olusegun Obasanjo's People's Democratic Party (PDP), or that of Olu Falae, now of the All People's Party.

In the local, gubernatorial and parliamentary elections so far, the PDP has been dominant. But now the race is between two men, and the voters' choices will be based largely on ethnicity or the allegiances of elders, not on issues.

Obasanjo is the 61-year-old retired general who in 1979 became the only military dictator to hand power to an elected government and was later imprisoned for an alleged coup plot against the late and tyrannical General Sani Abacha

A Yoruba from the economically



### **DUVAL SMITH**

Even as the West gives Nigeria's elections a clean bill of health, there are many dangers ahead

powerful south west, Obasanjo is viewed with suspicion in some parts of the country. Many Yorubas say he is a traitor who favours the northern ruling classes, dominant in the military top hrass. In 1979, the man to whom he handed power was Shehu Shagari, a Hausa-Fulani from the north. In the east, he is viewed with caution. He headed a commando division in the Nigerian army which quashed Biafran independence there in the 1967-70 civil war.

But Obasanjo today brims with jocular charm, and has shrewdly endowed himself with a statesman's mantle. He has held prominent positions in various United Nations bodies and in the Commonwealth. He is on first-name terms with the former US president Jimmy Carter, who is an observer of these elections.

the military, especially the former dictator, General Ibrahim Babangida - cruel and corrupt in his day but now orchestrating the military's face-saving transition to civilian rule. Obasanjo's running-mate, Abubakar Atiku, may pacify some

Yorubas. He was the northern kingmaker to their late hero, Moshood Abiola, winner of the presidential elections in 1993 which were promptly cancelled by the military.

Falae, aged 60, is in many ways dwarfed by his opponent. He is also hampered by the fact that preprinted ballot papers give voters the confusing choice of three parties the PDP, the APP and the Alliance for Democracy (AD), with which Falae started out.

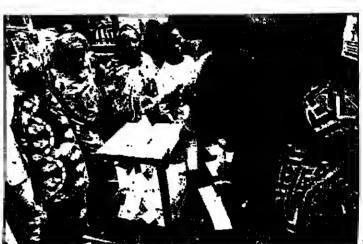
Votes for AD will not be recognised on Saturday, the Independent Electoral Commission has ruled.

But Yoruba nationalism will hand him victory in Lagos and in Obasanjo's home town, Abeokuta. Thanks to his strait-laced running mate, Umari Ali Shinkafi, a Muslim conservative who was once the chief of states who are currently kicking up the secret police. Falae will win the rough against exploitation of their poor north east and north west.

Falae, a Yale-educated free-marketeer who believes that the best way to end corruption is to scrap official controls, served in the late Eighties as finance minister under General Babangida. Earnest, slightly humourless but intellectually razor-sharp, Falae is considered an economics wizard but is also blamed for having implemented a disastrous structural adjustment programme. He has strong Yoruba credentials for having backed Abiola in 1993 and having been imprisoned for "bomb-

throwing" under General Abacha. Even though hoth candidates have promised that there will be no witch hunts against embezzlers within the military, Obasanjo is their favourite. But a victory for Obasanjo could be too much to bear for the highly politicised and economically powerful south west.

If the Yorubas broke away so, probably, would the Igbos of the east, leading to chaos and maybe even civil war. Youths in the southern



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land by oil companies and the regime could easily channel their in Nigeria - sub-Saharan Africa's anger into rebel movements along Sierra Leonean lines.

On the other hand, a victory for Falae could be intolerable for the military, leading either to a purpoet government or to a rerun of 1994 when General Abacha cancelled the poll which, the previous year, had elected President Abiola

Even as the European Union and the United States give this Saturday's elections a clean hill of health - as they almost certainly will, despite documented discrepancies - the world must consider the many potential dangers that lie ahead.

Ever since General Abacha, in 1995, executed nine environmental campaigners, including Ken Saro-Wiwa, Nigeria has been the pariah state of choice for the Commonwealth and the United Nations. This Saturday's elections - likely to lead to a formal handover to civilian rule on 29 May - are supposed to mean an end to all that, and great opport-

unities for business. Royal Dutch Shell has already signalled its approval with a pledge to spend \$8.5bn biggest-ever industrial investment.

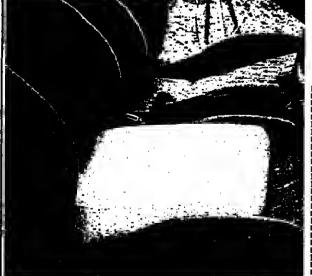
But Nigeria, the world's fifthgreatest oil producer, will enter its new era on its knees, economically. The price of oil - the resource which accounts for 95 per cent of the country's exports - is now languishing at rock bottom. There is no infrastructure, while leprosy, Aids and illiteracy - all the worst ills of Africa are widespread.

Political prisoners from Abacha's era still languish in jail and Human Rights Watch, in a report published today, will document continuing abuses. The country does not even have a constitution

The success of Nigeria's transition to civilian rule will not be determined so much by who wins this Saturday's elections, as by how responsibly an eager outside world tailors its relationship with the demob-suited generals. It will be a vital task, and a novel situation for all concerned.

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pelling power of the earned our right to the fruits of the past by our diligent pursuit because of the richness of the needs of the present. And God forbid that the needs of the of repertoire handed down to present should be fobbed off for

us, I take it as guaranteed that simply on the basis of its tradition alone opera will trundle on well into the future. Those who do nothing more than live like parasites off the past, I cast into a particularly unpleasant circle of bell. There is no greater betrayal of cus-

todianship than that. Therefore, the future of opera for me is not about bow many more performances of La Bohème there will be in the next century and nor about whether this Bohème is dressed up as something else, performed on the Internet, recycled in car parks, made accessible to millions by being projected on to turf at football matches or howsoever manhandled and manipulated.

It is about which stories we should like to tell in our new pole, and with good reason, becentury, and what music we will tell them with, and which audience we shall find to listen to our stories. When we have answered those questions, we can go back to La Bohème and in that medium, and a very relish its genius in the proud unhealthy contempt for simple

the next century with the idea that it is sufficient to relocate La Bohème in Brixton to answer this point. I am talking about new work. I am talking about a hard and rigorous truth that unless you are feeding the new, you have no right to live off the old. Sadly, there are very few opera houses anywhere in the world that could hold up their hands and claim to fulfil that condition. So let me say again, loud and

clear: what we inherit is an incredible cornucopia. Those who exploit it without adding to it are betraying the beritage of which they purport to be custodians, and should be cast out! New opera has a lousy image. Most sensible punters wouldn't touch it with a bargecause most of it has been

produced by people with very

little understanding of the

medium in which they were

working virtually no practice



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DAVID POUNTNEY From the third annual Royal Philharmonic Society lecture, given by the opera director and producer in London

theatrical craftsmanship, a contempt that, of course, implies an equally unhealthy contempt for the public that is so slow to understand and appreciate their work. Opera has lost a huge swath

of its natural audience because it has forgotten how occupy its natural bridgehead in the commercial sector - a sector that is, in reality, only just round the corner, not a million miles away. Of course, opera houses judge, the public in this case cheap music!

do do Show Boat, West Side gets the hlame for being "con-Story and Sondheim, espe-servative" or "lazy" when a cially away from the highly specialised commercial sector that we have in London. And our two National Theatre companies have made a mint from ventures into musicals.

But I am not talking about

revivals. I am no more interested in arguing that opera houses should be mounting revivals of musical gems of the past, than I am in pushing for a Hindemith cycle at Covent Garden. What interests me for the future of opera is that people can still write successful new musicals - and lots of bad ones, too - but nobody writes successful new operas, except perhaps Mr Adams and Mr Glass. Why not? Fundamentally, I suspect, because they are not really trying to. People who write musicals are governed by a harsh discipline: failure is very expensive; success is a bonanza. And the

ultimate judge is the public. In the arid landscape of new opera, there is no such discipline save the composer's conscience, and no judges save the tiny circle of his peers. Far from the public being the ultimate

new opera is a worthy failure. So who should be telling composers to work harder for real public success? The management! That is their job, but it is one which, in the face of a completely out-of-date, rom-

antic concept of the malienable rights of the artist, the management has by and large abdicated. It would be a far healthier situation if managements would make the decision that a new opera should be much more like a new musical than a new opera. There will always be a place

for difficult new works. But the era when to be difficult was the first precondition of being acceptable has passed, and had better be swept away rapidly in time for the new century. Opera has seen the musical walk off with many of the best bits in its wardrobe; get them back. Find the stories that speak to people, and find the music that makes them want to listen. That is the real meaning of that horrible word "accessibility"; never forget Coward's famous

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### Does money buy happiness?



#### HAMISH MCRAE

Moguls are dreaming up yet more sophisticated objects for the new super-rich to buy

MAYBE MONEY can't buy you love but perhaps it can buy you happiness. The shop-fill-you-drop, retail therapy" culture may have become more dominant in the last few years, particularly in the US and UK, which have seen seven or eight years of solid consumer growth. But

are we really any happier for it?
One person who thinks we are not is Robert Frank, a US economics professor whose new book, Luxury Fever, has been causing a bit of a stir in the States. He believes that we live in an age of "profound waste". The very rich spend their money on Cartier watches, Lexus sports cars, Prada trousers and, at the top of the range, Gulfstream jets. Yet they are still dissatisfied. The world's industrial moguls are dreaming up yet more sophisticated objects for the new super-rich to buy (I heard the other day from a Gulfstream executive that they are looking at a supersonic executive jet that will fly faster than Concorde), to the general detriment of Western societies as a whole.

Of course, there is nothing new in this. A bundred years ago the economist Thorstein Veblen drew \* attention to the "conspicuous consumption" of the rich, and the social damage it caused. More recently, in the Sixties, the British economic journalist Fred Hirsch Identified "positional goods" - goods by their nature rare, such as Impressionist paintings, or a Queen Anne house and worried about the way in which the rich bid up the prices for them and so add to inflation.

Nevertheless the burst of consumerism in the US, which has pushed the saving rate into negative territory, gives a new bite to these well-rehearsed concerns, which is probably why Professor Frank's book has attracted such attention. His solution, insofar as there is one, falls into two parts. First, we should all try to focus attention more on "inconspicuous consumption", spending time with family and friends, going for walks in the country, being free from traffic congestion, and so on. Second, he believes public policy could belp to shift this balance by scrapping income tax and imposing a progressive consumption tax on fam-



It's the lifestyle and not wealth that makes society girls like, from left to right, Tamara Beckwith, Annabel Elwes and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson seem so happy Richard Young

ilies; the more they spent in any one year, the higher the tax rate would be. If additional money were raised, it could be used to fund government investment in public goods.

You don't need to buy the whole thesis to feel that there is something a touch distasteful about excesses of consumption. Not many of us would like to see a family consumption tax, particularly if it were used to fund public projects such as the Millennium Dome, but most of us would accept that, despite the enormous rise in living standards of most people in developed countries over the last 40 years, people are not much happier as a result.

This common-sense judgement is supported by academic evidence. Economists now study happiness, trying to measure bow happy people are and what makes them happier. Sadly for shopaholics, it seems that "retail therapy" is not particularly effective. It may have some slight effect: Warwick University's Andrew Oswald, a leading authority on the economics of happiness, found that between 1970 and 1990 there was a slight relationship

between wealth and happiness. But it seems that it is really only at the very bottom of the income scale that the amount of money people have influences bow happy they are. Relative wealth, how rich people are compared with the people round about them, seems to matter more than absolute wealth,

The reaction of many people to this will be to say: "Hold on a moment, bow do they know whether people are happy or not?" In fact it is possible to make some measurements, partly by asking people whether they feel happy, but also by measuring things such as stress levels. You can also look at suicide and attempted suicide rates - apparently attempted suicide is much more common than is generally anpreciated - and make some judgements from that.

So what do we know about happiness? One of Professor Oswald's latest findings is that in relative terms the young are becoming happier, which is great for the (relatively youthful readers of this newspaper. Not so good news is the finding that all other groups are becoming less

happy. The unemployed tend to be unhappy, which is a powerful moral argument not just for encouraging general economic growth, but also for encouraging people into jobs where possible. And - a particularly troubling finding - it seems that black people are less happy than white people.

Any pointers to policy? If relative wealth were more important than absolute wealth, you might imagine that societies that are more egalitarian are happier than those that are not. But in fact that does not seem to be the case, either here in the UK or elsewhere. Thus international studies suggest that Japanese people are not particularly happy, despite the small income dif-ferentials there, while Brazilians are relatively happy despite their very large differentials.

So is there nothing that governments can do to make their citizens happier? Well, there is one very interesting study about to come out, by Professor Bruno Frey, of Zurich University. He has found that the more democracy there is - and remember that Switzerland is strong on that - the happier people become. We cannot do anything about our age or our race, but if we become happier the more democratic control we feel we have, then that is something to hang on to. I suppose devolution could be justified as passing more democracy to Scottish and Welsh people, even if the latter have had a chap imposed on them by Downing Street. Maybe Londoners will feel happier if they vote for the mayor of choice. And the way to make the English bappier would, I suppose. be to remove Scottish and Weish MPs from the Westminster Parliament, so that the English, too. would feel they had more control

Given that any individual's control over the level of democracy is minimal, and given that spending money does not seem to bring more happiness, what should we all do to make ourselves happier?

over their affairs. Um...

A couple of years ago David Lykken, a psychologist at the University of Minnesota, wrote a book called Happiness, in which he studied a large group of identical twins

#### RIGHT OF REPLY

MICHAEL WILKS



the BMA's ethics committee replies to an article calling for compulsory organ donation

HOW FAR can society go in requiring its citizens to be altruistic, and at what point does the balance shift between the rights of the dying and the living? These ethical questions lie at the beart of the debate about organ donation.

Professor John Harris stakes out the claims of the living. He argues that those whose lives might be saved by organ transplantation take precedence over those who are reluctant to have their bodies tampered with after their death,

He draws an analogy with post-mortem examinations, for which consent is not required. But that is a false parallel. There is a difference.

In addition to the very different purposes for which the organs are taken, there is of course the natural feeling that a patient whose heart is beating, even if artificially aided, is different from a corpse.

Doctors have a duty to act in the patient's individual best interests, until the moment of death. This distinction is important because if the public began to feel that dving patients were seen in a utilitarian light as a source of spare parts, then support for the transplantation programme would collapse overnight.

who had been separated at birth. At

the time he concluded that happi-

ness was genetically determined:

people were either born happy or

not. "Trying to be happier is as fut-

Now according to a recent arti-

cle in The New Yorker, be thinks he

was wrong. People still have set

points of happiness, but, he believes,

they can lift their level of happiness

above those points by learning

busy, taking regular exercise and,

I'm not sure what his advice

would be for people who are already

frantically busy, who go to the gym

three times a week, who have been

married for years, and despite all

that are still profoundly miserable.

However, put together his view

that people can lift their happiness

and the evidence that young people

are becoming bappier, and there

may be a clue. We cannot, of course,

become any younger, but we can

therapy a few drinks, a few par-

ties... doesn't it sound more fun?

That, plus just a little bit of retail

perhaps think younger.

apparently, getting married.

ile as trying to be taller."

The BMA's medical ethics committee would want to tread much more cautiously. We believe it is reasonable to bope that most people will be willing to donate their organs and to shift the balance in favour of transplant recipients by moving to a system of "presumed consent". But we do not believe it is reasonable to require donation. ft remains to be seen wbether the BMA and the medical profession as a whole will support a change from an opt-in to an opt-out system. John Harris's intervention is likely to polarise feelings and undermine the interests of those he is most concerned to help.

### The road to Iraq and ruin?

that Simons denounces. It was Bagh-

dad that, until 1996, refused all offers

of substantial oil exports, because

these would be under international control. It was Baghdad which last June refused all Arab offers of food and

Anyone reading Simons would

FOR MUCH of this century, sanctions have been a preferred instrument of the centre and left. In the Thirties they were favoured by advocates of the League of Nations against aggressor states; in the Sixties and Seventies as an instrument against racist regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia. Today, however, the tide has turned: there is a widespread sense, in the UN and elsewhere, that sanctions are being Onsed to excess by the UN and, even more so, by the US.

Geoff Simons belongs to the anti-sanctions camp. His brisk history of sanctions highlights their cost, in war and peace, for civilian populations. Recent sanctions by the US-against Cuba, Libya and, above all, Iraq – are, he argues, both genocidal and illegal. They are intended to starve civilians, and, in Iraq's case, are voted in by a UN Security Council acting under coercion. Iraq is now a "concentration camp", reduced to penury and disease; a "new Holocaust" is in the making. enforcing the penury and starvation



TUESDAY POEM

SNAPS

BY ROBERT MINHINNICK

After the rain the small rockpools

Glitter like a switchboard.

The girls wait by the photobooth

Until the card of snaps slides down the shute.

Impossible, they clutch themselves

And stagger, burt with laughter

In a wild circle. All strangers these,

For whose face matches the idea of self.

That coveted identity, closed like a locket,

The first secret? They've snarled and pouted,

Hid themselves behind the mask of the absurd.

The images come glossy, wet,

Like something born.

This poem comes from from Robert Minhinnick's

Selected Poems' (Carcanet Press, £6.95)

#### TUESDAY BOOK

IMPOSING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS: LEGAL REMEDY OR GENOCIDAL TOOL? BY GEOFF SIMONS, PLUTO PRESS, £12.99

medical supplies.

On Iraq, Simons's history is foreshortened. Iraq was a concentration camp long before the UN declared sanctions. His bibliography does not appear to include Samir al-Khalil's work Republic of Fear. Starvation, mass deportation and chemical attacks on the civilian population were all features of Iraq in the Eighties. This is relevant to an assessment of the present, because it shows that the Iragi government is prepared to impose dire suffering on its own people. In the period since the imposition

think that there was a ban on food and medicine exports to Iraq - as the US has indeed placed on Cuba. No such ban exists. In December 1997, Baghdad imposed a 21-fold increase in the cost of the individual food ration, inof UN sanctions, the Iraqi government tending thereby to maximise the revenue it would receive from the sale of bas played an important role in food supplies - and, arguably, to pro-

long the starvation of its people. Claims that Iraq still lacks the means to provide a basic supply of food are belied by its other activities: the construction of palaces and large mosques, the clandestine import of weapons, the ostentatious lifestyle of the elite. Iraq is now entitled, under UN resolutions, to export \$10.5bn of oil a year, more than half of what it earned before sanctions.

That, plus the considerable resources which Iraq has for agricultural production, should be sufficient to feed its population. Iraq has considerable agricultural potential: more than 20 per cent of its land area is cultivable, a higher percentage than that of China. Its wheat and barley output rose 15 per cent last year, enough to enable it to export to Syria and Jordan.

There remain serious problems in Iraq because of the impact of five years of complete obstruction by the regime and its continued manipulation - and



Despite sanctions, vintage US cars keep Cubans moving Geruint Lewis

theft, of resources intended for its people. These bave been highlighted in reports on the buman rights situation by the UN Special Rapporteur, Max van der Stoel.

Simons also dodges the reasons a pattern of aggression and violation of international controls on hiological and chemica! weapons - that prompted the sanctions in the first place. On these security issues, he has nothing to offer except collusive indignation.

Should Saddam be allowed to contimue to use the starvation of his people as a weapon against international controls? No. The area that needs rigorous attention is Iraq's import of military materials. Ending the controls on oil exports, conditional on military controls and inspection, would remove this weapon from the regime.

The general case against sanctions is weaker than Simons indicates. ments of pressure, be they legal restraints in domestic politics or war in the international realm. They are caon Cuba is a clear example of abuse: School of Economics

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a vindictive and cruel policy. However, sanctions played a significant role in forcing change in South Africa in the Eighties. Simons understates this, ignoring the impact of the US investment ban pushed through by the black caucus in Congress. One day, states may be liable to the imposition of sanctions for discrimination based on gender, as they once were for discrimination based on race.

Behind these discussions lies not the issue of sanctions, but the legitimacy of coercive behaviour by the more powerful states in the world. Coercive, discriminatory, selective they certainly are; but this does not mean that no such actions are ever valid. The internationalist activism that confronts Iraq is the same that bombed the Bosnian Serbs, may now act to protect Kosovo, and that seeks to try Pinochet. Recycled anti-imperialism Sanctions are like any other instru- is an insufficient response to the crises of the contemporary world. FRED HALLIDAY

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### Sarah Kane

SARAH KANE was a contemporary writer with a classical sensibility who created a theatre of great moments of beauty and cruelty, a theatre to which it was only possible to respond with a sense of awe. Hers was a sensibility that Shakespeare or Sophocles or Racine would have recognised but that was often abrasive for a modern audience and, it seems, incomprehensible to most critics. For those used to the reassurances of sociology or psychology in plays, the austere beauty of Kane's work was a shock to the system.

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She was born in 1971, the daughter of a journalist, and brought up in Brentwood in Essex. Till the age of 17 sbe was a fervent born-again Christian, and then made a conscious decision to reject God. She hated the values of suburban southeast England: "There is an attitude that certain things could not happen here. Yet there's the same amount of abuse and corruption in Essex as anywhere else, and that's what I want to blow open," she said.

At Bristol University, she read Drama, and was awarded a First. She then attended David Edgar's MA in play-writing at Birmingham University. Shortly after she finished, in January 1995, her play Blasted, exploring the nature of violence and war (set in a Leeds hotel room that erupts into a Bosnian war scene) was staged in London at the Royal Court Upstairs; it created a media storm.

At Bristol. Kane had been deeply affected by Edward Bond's play Saved (indeed, only a couple of weeks ago, sbe said to me: "You can learn everything you need to know about the craft of play writing from Saved). Twas deeply shocked by the baby being stoned," she explained. But then 1 thought, there isn't anything you can't represent on stage. If you are saying you can't represent something, you are saying you can't talk about it, you are denying its existence... My intention was to be absolutely truthful about abuse and violence. All of the violence in the play has been carefully plotted and dramatically structured to say what I want about war.

In the spring of 1996, I sat down reluctantly to read Blasted. The year before I bad followed the furore surrounding its opening and thought it sounded terrible: a collage of shock

mainstream audience to such an ex-

tent that their programme was even

Born in 1946, Gene Siskel was

orphaned before his 10th birthday

but he did not have a miserable

childhood. With his brother and

sister, he was raised in Illinois by

an aunt and an uncle who already

had three children of their own.

The movies held such fascination

for the young Gene that, every Sat-

urday, he would walk eight blocks

to the nearest cinema to catch the

A Star is Born and A Streetcar

showed it in 1992).

latest releases.

wasn't going to waste my time read ing such a shabby little shocker.

But Blasted blew me away. From the first few lines, I knew I was inthe hands of a playwright with total mastery of her craft. The dialogue was honed: so lean and tough and expressive that I would have webt with ealousy if I hadn't been so gripped And as the play progessed if was clied Kane had got the structure sorted as well, controlling perfectly the momentum so that its conclusion

was logical and awful and beautiful. Edward Bond was an obvious influence, and there was quite a lot of Beckett in there as well. But as read Blasted – with its great passions locked in a small room - I constantly reminded of Racine.

'I'm not a brand name, I'm a person,' she snarled when we asked her to do some publicity for last play, Crave

in London was a fool.

When, a few months later, I be bar in Soho for our first meeting, expecting someone tall and flerce and of the sort small, almost vulnerable, she spoke thoughtfully and quietly, occasionally allowing a naughty smile to light up her face.

Unlike many of the Selfish Young



Kane, right, with Vicky Featherstone, the director of her play Crave, at the 1998 Edinburgh Festival

Geraint Lewis

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as I finished reading it I knew that of the playwright and was prepared Sarah Kane was a great writer and to pass her skills on to others. And that practically every theatre critic so, after a bit too much beer, she agreed to join Paines Plough and proved to be an excellent script

came literary manager for the tour reader and an outstanding teacher. ing company Paines Plough, I. When, soon after meeting her, I decided to ask Kane to be writer in "saw Kane's second play Phaedra's residence. I waited nervously in a. Love at the Gate, I realised she was difficult. She was, of course, nothing constituency. Directors, dramaturges

Men having their first plays produced, a story already treated by Seneca, Euat the time, she was informed authent," ripides and Racine, had a fantastic thusiastic about the work of up and sardonic anti-hero in Hippolytus and coming writers (she'd read handreds a terrific coup de théatre towards the of scripts for the Bush theatre) and end as what had seemed to be a tactics masquerading as theatre. I had thought deeply about the crafts chamber play was invaded by a mob.

now speaking above the heads of the English critics to a much wider and translators from all over Europe crammed into the tiny space to see the play and many of them were planning productions of Blasted.

Phaedra's Love, loosely based on

But it was disappointing after the near perfection of Blasted. Kane had written it quickly, and - I think feeling uncertain that the text would work - had decided to direct the play herself, a job she did very well. She now started to travel widely

spending time in New York at a playwrights' retreat and seeing various European productions of Blasted, not many of them to her taste. In the summer of 1997, she gave me a copy of her play Cleansed to read; set in a concentration camp built in a former university. I was thrilled to see that it was good, if not better than Blasted. Yes, there were plenty of violent bits for her detractors to criticise, hot what was extraordinary about the play was its faith in the overwhelming redemptive power of love. "Brilliant, Sarah," I said, "very Puccini."

A couple of months later, she directed Buchner's Woyzeck at the Gate. It was brave but disturbing. In an aiready bleak play she'd removed any possibility of the slightest moment of redemption for any of the characters. I told her it was just about the bleakest thing I'd ever seen. "Yeah, well, I fell out of love," she said.

I realised later what a terrible understatement that was. Around about that time, Kane fell out of love with life. And so began great, harrowing cycles of depression, self-hate and hospitalisation. She knew that she was loved by many people and she had a solid understanding of her own talent, but she was drawn constantly to thoughts of suicide.

It wasn't all misery in those last 18 months. James MacDonald's production of Cleansed at the Rayal She smiled. "Yeah, well, I'm in love." Court in the spring of 1998 gave her

great pleasure. She was thrilled to see the production team had discovered an aesthetic that realised the austere, grand theatricality of her work. And she loved taking over the role of Grace for the last few performances after Suzanne Sylvester was taken ill. What was it like to be in her own play? "It's not like being in your own play," she said. "Because that play was

written by someone who had hope."

And then there was her last play, Crave (in which four voices discuss obsessive love), produced by Paines Plough last autumn. Feeling trapped by people's expectations of the now world famous Sarah Kane ("I'm not a brand name. I'm a person," she snarled at us when we asked her to do some publicity for Paines Plough), Kane initially wrote the play under a pseudonym, Marie Kelvedon. Marie gave her the licence to ex-

periment with another part of her voice and the result was a dense,

beautiful poem that proved that she was a hugely versatile talent. A couple of weeks ago I met up with Sarah Kane and, as playwrights do, we took to drinking beer and pontificating about our craft. "You know," she said, "most good playwrights write seven good plays and then something happens and after that they're crap," We started going through lists of the greats and, with a few exceptions, we decided that she was right. "I'm not far off my allotted seven," she said, 'Bollocks," I said.

"You're only just over halfway

through." "Yeah. Suppose," she said. MARK RAVENHULL

Sarah Kane, playwright: born 3 February 1971; died London 19

### Gene Siskel

WHEN THE film critic Barry Norman left BBC1's Film 98 and joined Sky Film exhibitors Premier last year, the announceand companies ment barely ruffled the pages of the British press. In North America, hung on their Gene Siskel's death was headline news over the weekend. every word -Alongside the avuncular Roger Ebert, the tall, balding Siskel dehoping for the veloped a film reviewing style which made their syndicated television two thumbs-up show required viewing for Hollywood executives and dedicated US filmfrom Siskel goers. Their 25-year partnership pioneered the Roman emperor-like & Ebert thumbs-up and thumbs-down verdict and effortlessly connected with the

seeing the Elia Kazan film "in the successfully sold overseas (BBC 2 that. There was definitely something potent there, it was adult. That's what the movies meant to me."

Siskel gained a philosophy degree from Yale University in 1967 and in-tended to become a lawyer. Two years later a letter of recommendation from a Yale tutor, the author John Hersey, helped him land a job at The Chicago Tribune. Starting as a local reporter, Siskel wrote a review of Walt Disney's The Rascal, Nomed Desire made a great impression on him. He remembered the story of a boy and his pet ration, In 1974, Siskel began providing repression on him. He remembered and was promoted to film critic.



Roger Ebert, a writer who had back seat of the car and hearing peo- dreamed up the plot of Russ Mever's ple yell and scream. I grew up in a infamous Beyond the Valley of the very happy house where I didn't bear Dolls, was already established in the same role at the rival Chicago Sun-Times and, in the early Seventies, the two competed ferociously for the latest movie scoop. "We intensely disliked each other," recalled Siskel. "We perceived each other as a threat to our well-being," added the journalist who had launched Beat Siskel, a contest in which readers tried to beat him in predicting Oscarwinners. He remained a strong crit-

ic of the Academy Awards.

the CBS affiliate in Chicago. The fol-lowing year, Eliot Wald, a producer at WTTW (the local station was part of the Public Broadcasting System network), thought about exploiting the critics' rivalry and notoriety on a television show. These were two men who would never have chosen each other for friends," said Thea Flaum, the programme'a executive producer. "But TV forced them to find a way to work together."

Against all odds, the two personalities, at first reluctant to collaborate, developed a natural chemistry Of course, there were arguments but any debate and disagreement only enhanced the show's appeal. From local beginnings and tacky tactics such as introducing the "Dog of the Week" with a canine co-presenter, or the "Stinker of the Week" with a skunk, Opening Soon at a Theater Near You became slicker and evolved into Sneak Previews, reaching a national audience when it was syndicated on PBS in 1978.

Four years later, the duo gained sponsor for the renamed At the Movies, with Tribune Entertainement. Subsequently, the pair joined Buena Vista Television, a division of the Walt Disney Company which changed the show's name to Siskel & Ebert at the Movies.

Film exhibitors and companies giving him a £91,000 profit).

were hanging on their every word, hoping for that essential box-office boost: the two thumbs-up or the Siskel & Ebert quote they could add to the posters on opening weekend. Paul Dergarabedian, spokesman for the Exhibitor Relations Co, said that "the duo took film criticism into the mainstream. The average person would look to them about where to spend their hard-earned dollars at the box office." The film director Robert Altman, whose Nashville had been an early tip from Siskel & Ebert, admitted that "they were a positive thing. Several shows tried

to emulate them and failed." Siskel often attributed the pair's success to the fact that they operated from Chicago. "We're between the media capital (New York) and the movie capital (LA), and so we don't get romanced, and we don't keep running into the people." By the mid-Eighties, the co-hosts were indeed extremely powerful, very famous (they appeared on Johnny Carson's chat show in 1985) and rather rich. Gene Siskel could even afford to huy the three-piece white suit and black shirt John Travolta wore to Saturday Night Fever, a movie Siskel had seen 17 times (when be sold the clothes at auction 16 years later, in 1995, they fetched £92,000,

Other of his favourites included Citizen Kane, The Godfather, Dr Strangelove, The General, Tokyo Story, 2001: A Space Odyssey, Singin' in the Rain, Pinocchio and Shoah. His top films of the last five years included Hoop Dreams, Crumb, Forgo, The Ice Storm and, surprisingly, Babe: Pig in the City, panned by most critics.

Though be became a contributor to CBS television's This Morning, the best-selling weekly TV Guide and various other magazines such as Sports Mustrated, Siskel didn't think he was overdoing it. "I do not view myself as a workaholic but as basically lazy," said the committed family man and Chicago Bulls basketball fan, "I'm not a natural like Mr Ebert. But I still have my enthusiasm for the job and you can't fake that. My fantasy is that, in another 40 years, Roger and I will have attendant nurses and we'll still do the show."

Last May, Siskel had surgery to remove a cancer growth from his brain but made a swift return. However, earlier this month, he announced he was taking time off to recuperate from delayed reaction to the operation.

Gene Siskel earned numerous accolades, including five Emmy nomUS Association of Television Programming Executives. "Gene was a lifelong friend, and our professional competition only strengthened that bond," said Ebert. "I can't even imagine what it will be like without him. The show will continue with revolving guests. In the future, we will see.

"As a critic, Siskel was passionate and exacting. I think it was important to Gene that this was the only serious film criticism on television. That made him proud. We had a lot of big fights. We were people who came together one day a week and, the other six days, we were competitors on two daily newspapers and two different television stations. So there was a lot of competition and a lot of disagreement."

Siskel himself said: "I wish that I had got to know more people at the level at which I know Roger - because I do care for him. We agreed far more often than we disagreed. We shared a magical time together talking about one of the things we love so much: the movies."

PIERRE PERRONE

Eugene Kal Siskel, film critic, journalist and broadcaster: born Chicago, Illinois 26 January 1946; married Marlene Iglitzen (two daughters, one son); died Evaninations and an Iris Award from the ston, Illinois 20 February 1999.

### Bill Servaes

FOR NEARLY 10 years Bill Servaes was general manager of the Aldeburgh Festival. When Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears interviewed him for the job, he confessed he was more used to running ships than music festivals hut, as it turned out, be was particularly well suited to this new venture in his career. The years from 1971, when Servaes took up the position, to 1976, when Britten died, were among the most fruitful in the somewhat chequered bistory of the festival.

William Servaes, the son of a naval officer, and himself destined for the Navy, was educated at the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth. Aged 18 when the Second World War broke out, he served mainly in decursion into the Mediterranean for manager resigned. Colin Graham, well with Britten and with most, if

newly married, he had no employment and no home. After a temposhipping company, the Orient Line, be ran the business side of a firm of architects. In 1967, growing tired of the public and with the press. commuting to London, he moved

lived as a child - in the Red House. First-time visitors were made to feel where Britten himself how lived, unwelcome by those who had atduring the annual summer festival. Iginning (I know, it happened to me). but merely as members of the pub-Servaes changed all that, welcombut merely as members of the public. In 1971 there was a crisis in the ing new visitors without upsetting adne scored a great success in stroyers in the Atlantic, with an ex-

the Allied landings in Sicily. After the .. the artistic director of the English war invalided out of the Navy and Opera Group, and director of many first performances of Britten's operas at Aldeburgh, asked Servaes if rary job, he went to work for a he would like to be the new manager. Despite initial fears concerning and set up house in Guildford. When his lack of musical knowledge, Serthe Orient Line merged with P&O vaes was an immediate success, with the artistic management, with

By this time the festival, founded with his wife and family to Suffolk. in 1948 by Britten, the tenor Peter They found a house in Orierd, not a Pears and the librettist Eric Crozifar from Aldeburgh, where Pat half , er, had become almost a private chib. They attended operas and concerts Lended every festival since the be-

not quite all, of his co-directors; and he was adored by members of the press, whom he treated as human beings and entertained to splendid repasts at his house in Orford - he was a passionate and inspired cook.

This improvement in public relations was not achieved at the expense of artistic standards; on the contrary, the festivals of the early 1970s saw the introduction of several interesting new works by young composers, including Gordon Crosse's The Wheel of the World, an "entertainment" for young people adapted from three of Chaucer's Conterbury Tales, and John Gardner's The Visitors, both in 1972. Thea Musgrave's The Voice of Ari-1974. Above all, there was the final flowering of Britten's own operatio

genius: Death in Venice, which had and the Aldeburgh Festival was its premiere at Snape Maltings, the never quite the same again. The concert hall-cum-opera bouse a few miles from Aldeburgh, in 1973.

Britten had always loved Venice. and in autumn 1975 he expressed his sorrow at the thought of never visiting the city again. Servaes responded by taking the composer and his entourage there in November In Venice Britten finished his third string quartet, which was performed by the Amadeus Quartet at Snape in December. His early operetta Paul Burger, dating from 1941, which was played on BBC Radio in February 1976, was given its British stage premiere at the 1976 festival, when one of his very last works, the solo cantata Phaedra, a setting of Racine,

was performed by Janet Baker. Britten died in December 1976,

Russian cellist and conductor Mstislav Rostropovich became one of the artistic directors, and in 1979 conducted a fine production of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. Bill Servaes, rising 60, decided that be had done his best for the festival and

resigned in 1980. As four of his five children were now grown up, be moved from Orford to a smaller house in Southwold. and spent much of the time in the Algarve. His final years were passed in London, where, in spite of the cancer from which he later died, he continued to live life to the full, to visit the opera, the theatre and the ballet - and to cook, for his large family and his many friends.

ELIZABETH FORBES



Servaes: managing Britten

William Servaes, naval officer and arts administrator: born Bourne mouth, Hampshire 30 June 1921; general manager, Aldeburgh Festival 1971-1980; married 1945 Patricia Vestey (three sons, two daughters); died London 28 January 1999.

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**OBITUARIES/7** 

THE STORY BUILDING

### Handel Evans

AS A young man Handel Evans faced the choice of two careers, music and art. His considerable gifts as a pianist and as a painter would almost certainly have guaranteed him success at either but, perhaps rather curiously for a Welshman, it was on the visual arts that he chose to focus.

Evans produced a large body of fine paintings, drawings and etchings. Though his reputation has still to be established in Britain, where he rarely worked and exhibited, he made a much bigger name overseas, especially in Germany, where his work entered significant collections. A memorial show will be held at Korbach Museum from 26 March to 13 June.

Evans had long hoped for a significant exhibition of his work in Wales, and one somewhere in Britain is over-due for this most self-critical of artists. Solo shows at two London venues. Brown's Hotel in 1972, at the small Mario Flecha Gallery in 1982, and one at Clare Hall, Cambridge, in 1987, made modest impact, although his fine early drawing Dandies, Head of n Welshman was acquired for the Ashmolean Museum Oxford

Handel Cromwell Evans - Cromwell was a family name – was born in Pontypridd, Glamorgan, in 1932. He studied painting at Cardiff College of Art from 1949 to 1954, where he was taught by David Tinker and Eric Malthouse. His "mentor" was Clifford H. Lewis, at whose School of Music he also studied, eventually becoming licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music. Lewis urged Handel's parents to sell everything if necessary to fimd his study of the Alexander Technique, to improve his posture.

Evans inherited his artistic abilities from his parents. His father Joseph came from a family of singers, had a fine baritone voice and was a licentiate of the London College of Music. His son was horn on Easter Sunday, a few days before Joseph was to conduct a choir of 2,000 voices in the oratorio Messiah, by George Frederick Handel, hence the hoy's name. A daughter would have been called Melha. Initially taught music by his father, Handel Evans passed his first musical examination aged four years and 10 months, so small that the examiner had to lift him on to the piano stool.

Joseph Evans had failed, in mysterious circumstances, to win a scholarship for his singing in 1934, prompting a nervous breakdown and a resolve "never to sing another note in my trician with the British Overseas Airways Corporation, which enabled Handel to travel extensively at a concessionary rate.

After studying with Lewis, Evans concentrated on art and spent two years in the Caribbean (1959-61), where he taught for a while. Otherwise, he lived by his painting. A one-man exhibition at



Indigo Arches by Evans, no 59 in his series on man and technology The Employees, casein tempera, 1988



the Institute of Jamaica, in Kingston, took place in 1962.

After a period in Germany and Italy, Evans attended the prestigious British School at Rome in 1962-63. His mother, Marian, a designer and fitter for West End couture houses, made all Handel's clothes. For Rome, she remembers him asking for a new overcoat, in the style of one worn by Sherlock Holmes, "needed in two days. I made it, and he

After further painting in the West Indies, London, Italy, the United States and Canada, and exhibitions in Jamaica (1964) and Barbados (Lyford Cay Gallery, Nassau, 1968), Evans spent 1975-76 studying etching with Stanley William Hayter at Atelier 17, in Paris. About this time he first met Eugene Garfield, founder of the Institute of

'There is no greater affinity between man and nature than between man and machinery, which, after all, is man's own offspring'

Scientific Information in Philadelphia, who was to commission one of his most important works. Another exhibition followed at the Schubert Gallery, Marbella, in 1977.

Evans's style had been transformed over the years. His catalogue Pointings and Drawings of Three Decades, covering the period 1959-89, shows how his abstraction with a figurative element. across fine portraits in carbon to melancholy ink and gouache studies of inte-Figurative pictures completed in the West Indies are more rohnst and richly coloured.

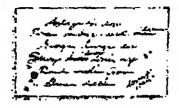
was commissioned to do a version of it in casein tempera, which he regarded theo as a stylistic anachronism, but which, he told me, was eventually resold for about £50,000.

By this time Evans was well established in Germany, where be lived much of the time the spoke excellent German) and where he had a string of exhibitions, beginning at the Kleine Galerie, Cuxhaven, in 1984, From the mid-1970s, the theme of man and technology had become important to him, and he pursued it at length, for example in his series The Employees and in Interpenetrations, the ambitious oil on canvas he completed for the Institute of Scientific Information in 1978-80, on which he worked in both the United States and England.

In the many variations on The Employees, tightly organised, asexual, faceless figures are painted in infinitely subtle colour gradations. Later in his career Evans was further developlog this theme with a series of whirling, rotating pictures and works related to pictures moved from figuration towards unusical notation. Handel Evans wrote that for him "there is no greater affintween man and machinery, which, after all, is man's own offspring . . . I see them riors with a strong Neo-Romantic tinge. as mutually dependent, and meeting each others' needs."

DAVID BUCKMAN

The mid-1960s period in Grenada also Handel Cromwell Evans, artist: born included a large, highly complex draw-ing, Caribbean Village. In 1991 Evans died Thanet, Kent 5 January 1999.



#### LITERARY NOTES

#### A writer 'indescribable' and 'without forebears'

THIS YEAR is not just the bicentenary of the birth of Alexander Pushkin, "founding father" of Russian literature, but also the centenary of Andrei Platonov, a writer of genius who, for his contribution to the Russian literary language, has been compared to Pushkin himself.

When recently this column celebrated Jorge Luis Borges, born - like Platonov - in August 1899, the anomaly of Platonov's smaller fame cried out for attention: no 20th-century writer of comparable significance has heen as neglected in the West, Yet, as Andrew Hurley said of Borges, "it is the prose, the writing itself, that blows us away". Joseph Brodsky, a great admirer of Platonov, called his books "indescribable" and "without forebears". He also called him "our first properly surrealist writer", although he wasn't an individualist ... his novels depict not a hero against a background but rather that background

itself devouring a hero". Platonov's style is altogether unexpected. When we read his 1929 novel Chevengur, and many of his stories, nearly every sentence comes as a shock - both a sinking of the beart and an inexplicable

elan. How is this done, and is it translatable? Platonov is extraordinarily skilled at representing and stony bones"; while the the thoughts of people with

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The bank's appeal to the

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dian. Nobody in England has said 'irks' in years."

So John Walsh informed

Mr Pillai, a senior under-

his employment.

living through the revolution. through "war communism", under Stalin, during the agonies of collectivisation and in the horrors of war. He writes especially about those who were bewildered by being lauded as "huilders of the future" while oppressed by poverty and officialdom, or in whom a religious tradition of "truth-seeking" had

to adapt to the new antireligious utopianism. Although he is unusually difficult to translate, the essence of his work can be conveyed. There is an insistence on the materiality of feeling: thus - "he felt bored inside his body"; "his entire body rumbled in the nourishing work of sleep". Someone coming to Chevengur (a fictional town controlled, about 1923, by 11 simplehearted Bolsheviks) - immersed himself in it as if in sleep, sensing its quiet communism as a warm peace over his whole body, and not as a personal higher idea secluded in a small anxious

place in his chest. Concrete and abstract are often strangely conjoined: "We'll travel and exist together"; "the features of his personality had rubbed away against the revolution". Often the obvious is estranged by being mentioned: "he felt anguish in his heart, which was surrounded by bard

there, like

introduced as if inadvertently: "He went away to an unpeopled place, where people lived without help." Often, two nouns are poignantly compacted through a genitive case: "the curiosity of tenderness", "the prejudice of caution", "the alarm

of space". Platonov's closeness to work, to machinery and to the countryside is manifest throughout his writing. One of 10 children, he worked as a railway mechanic, then as an agricultural engineer, before dedicating himself to literature. He wrote of the Soviet hope with unequalled subtlety, always considering himself a Communist, yet was soon rejected by the Communists, with his name vilified and his best work unpublishable; his young son was arrested and died of tuberculosis caught in the camps; Platonov caught it from him and died in 1951.

In the Soviet Union much of Platonov's work was long prohibited; and little has been adequately translated until recently, All this is changing. Recognised in present-day Russia as belonging to the canon of major writers of the 20th century, he is now published, studied and celebrated there.

Angela Livingstone and Robert and Elizabeth Chandler are the translators of amazing is de-estranged, A. Platonov, 'The Return culacy. He writes about people blindness . . . " Paradoxes are Press, 4 Morch, £9.99)

#### GAZETTE

#### BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

#### **DEATHS**

GRONAU: Carmen. Formerly of Sotheby's, Bond Street, died peacefully at home in Florence on Monday 15 February, aged 88. Her funeral took place at the Church of Fonte Lucente, Fiesole, on 12 February. A memorial service to celebrate Carmen's life will be announced in the spring. Much respected, much much loved and truly missed by all whose lives she touched.

MORRIS: Peacefully at St
Andrews on Friday 19 February
1999, Margaret Isobel (Peg., in
her 91st year, formerly of 20
High Street, Elie, File. Dearly
loved wife of the late Tom Morris and much-loved mother of
Nick and Hugh and grandmother of Oliver, Mungo and Laura.
Ameral service in St Michael
and All Angels Episcopal
Church, Elie, on Friday 26 February at 11.30am. Interment
thereafter in Kilconguhar Cemethereafter in Kilconquhar Ceme tery at approximately 12.15pm.

#### Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATRS (Births, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memorial services, Wedding anniver-saries, In memoriam) are charged at £6.50 a line (VAT extra). OTHER Gazette announcements are charged

at £10 a line, VAT extra.

#### BIRTHDAYS Mr Bill Alexander, theatre

director, 51; The Duke of

Beaufort, art dealer, 71;

Miss Pam Blundell, fashion designer, 32; Mr Jermyn Brooks, chairman, Price Waterhouse Europe, 60; Mr Jim Cousins MP, 55; Lady Digby, former chairman. Southern Regional Advisory Board, 65; Lord Ezra, former Coal Board chief, 80: Mr Peter Fonda, actor, 59; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, Principal, George Watson's College, 58; Miss Sylvie Guillem, ballerina, 34; Mrs Maureen Hicks, former MP, 51; Mr Nicholas Kenyon controller, BBC Radio 3, 48; Mr John Lewis, Head Master, Eton College, 57; Mr Anton Mosimann, chef, 52; Mrs Sandra Osborne MP, 43; Lord Tugendbat, chairman, Abbey National, 62; Mr David Ward, former President of the Law Society, 62.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Births: Samuel Pepys, naval official and diarist, 1633: George Frederick Handel composer, 1685; Meyer Amschel Rothschild, banker, 1743; Gertrud Elisabeth Mara (Schmeling), soprano, 1749; Sir George Frederick Watts, sculptor and painter, 1817; Franz von Stuck,

#### painter and sculptor, 1863; William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, novelist, 1868; Victor Fleming, film director, 1883; Karl Jaspers, philosopher, 1883; John Gilbert

Winant, diplomat, 1889; Kathleen Harrison, actress, 1892; Erich Kästner, poet and writer for children, 1899. Deaths: Agostino Carracci, painter, 1602; Eugene IV, pope, 1447; Ferdinand V, King of Castile and Leon, 1516; Sir Joshua Reynolds, painter, 1792; John Keats, poet, 1821; John Quincy Adams, sixth

US President, 1848; Joanna Baillie, poet and playwright, 1851; Karl Friedrich Gauss, mathematician and astronomer, 1855; Sir George Thomas Smart, organist, 1867; Auguste Bonheur, painter, 1884; William Butter field, architect, 1900; Ernest Christopher Dowson, poet, 1900; Samnel Rawson Gardiner, historian, 1902; Francisco Idalecio Madero, Mexican politician, killed 1913: Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th US President, 1924; Dame Nellie Melba (Helen Porter Mitchell), operatic singer, 1931; Sir Edward William Elgar, composer, 1934; Leo Hendrik Backeland, inventor of Bakelite, 1944; Paul-Louis Charles Claudel, poet, playwright and diplomat, 1955; Stan Laurel

comedian, 1965; Famie Hurst, povelist, 1968; Laurence Stephen Lowry, painter, 1976; Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, 1983.

On this day: the Cato Street

Conspiracy to murder Cabinet ministers was discovered, 1820; lawn tennis, then called "Sphairistike", was patented, 1874; in France, Emile Zola was imprisoned for writing the open letter "Jaccuse", 1898; the United States Steel Corporation was founded by J.P. Morgan, 1901; Benito Mussolini founded the Fascist Party (Fasci del Combattimento) in Italy, 1919; the present building of the Vaudeville Theatre, Londen, opened, 1926; Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth, 1970.

Today is the Feast Day of St Alexander Akimetes, St Boisil or Boswell, St Dositheus, St Milburga or Mildgytha, St Polycarp of Smyrna, St Serenus or Cerneul the Gardener and St Willigis.

#### **LECTURES**

National Gallery: Marion Carlisle, "Monet (iv): Bathers at La Grenovillère", 1pm. Tate Gallery. James Heard, "Drawing the Body: from workshop to academy", 1pm.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Rebecca Merry, "Exploring Pattern in Eastern and Western Art", 2pm. British Museum: Paul Collins, "Reconstructing Mesopotamian Religion",

Lyonnais Nederland NV ("the National Portrait Gallery: bank") against the decision of Juliet Hacking, "But is it the Court of Appeal that the Art? The Portrait as Photo-Export Credits Guarantee graph in the 1850s and '60s", Department ("ECGD") was not 1.10pm. vicariously liable for losses it had Royal Holloway, Egham, sustained as a result of fraud.

ECGD issued guarantees to Surrey: Professor Kiernan Ryan, " 'Dreaming on Things assist UK exporters. It issued to Come': Shakespeare and a series of guarantees to the hank in relation to puchases by the future of criticism", it from a Mr Chong of bills of exchange drawn in respect of RIBA Architecture Gallery, fictitious export transactions

London W1: Marcus Field. entered into by companies Caroline Roux, Joe Kerr "Blueprint Debate: the house of your dreams?", 6.30pm. the issue of the guarantees.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mr Glyn Davies, to be ambassador to Panama. Mr Graham Boyce, to be ambassador to Egypt. Mr Bill Sinton, to be ambassador to Algeria. Mr Christopher Ingham, to be ambassador to Uzbekistan. Miss Linda Duffield, to be

judge's decision that ECGD was not liable for the loss it had ambassador to Sri Lanka sustained was dismissed, the Mr Donald Lamont, to be court holding that, although by Governor to the Falkland the time Pillai authorised the Islands, and Commissioner issue of the guarantees he was a party to a common design for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. with Chong to deceive the bank by a fraud of which the issue of

#### TUESDAY LAW REPORT

Employer was not

vicariously liable

23 FEBRUARY 1999

Credit Lyonnais Nederland NV (now known as Generale Bank Nederland NV) v Export

Credits Guarantee Department House of Lords (Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord

Woolf, Lord Steyn, Lord Clyde, Lord Millett) 18 February 1999

tial part there was nothing unlawful in the issue of the guarantees, and the other acts he performed to assist Chong were not within the course of his employment or the scope of his authority.

The bank appealed, on the grounds (i) that where an employee assisted in the violation by another of an individual's rights pursuant to a common design to that end, the employee incurred liability as a joint tortfeasor for the violation. and his employer incurred vicarious liability for the violation if the assistance by the employee was in the course of his employment; and (ii) that the bank was entitled to succeed because Pillai's own acts of assistance were themselves tortious because they were bringing about a violation of the bank's rights.

Jonathan Sumption QC and Richard Slade (Linklaters &

Paines) for the bank: Gordon Pollock QC, Jonathan Hirst QC ond Graham Dunning 1Clyde &

Co) for ECGD.

Lord Woolf said that the principle on which vicarious liability depended was that the wrong of the servant for which the master was liable was one committed in the course of his employment.

The present case raised starkly the question whether, in the case of a joint tort, it was sufficient to make the master liable if the acts of his servant, for which he was responsible, did not in themselves amount to a tort but only did so when linked to other acts which were not performed in the course of

the employee's employment. The short answer to that question was that the actions of Pillal in the course of his employment could not be combined with the actions of Chong, which if done by Pillai would have been outside the course of his employment, to make ECGD vicariously liable

for the consequence of Pillai's and Chong's combined conduct. The submission that acts of assistance in connection with another's wrong became themselves tortious, if carried out with the intention of bringing about the violation of a third party's rights, was novel because it did not require those acts of assistance to be in themselves actionable wrongs. The only purpose for establishing the existence of such a tort was to make ECGD vicariously licarried out with the intention of able for Pillai's conduct, and that was not a justification for

the recognition of a new tort. KATE O'HANLON Barrister

#### ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attend a reception for the Lepra 75th Anniversary "Quest for Dignity" art competition at the Royal Geographical Society,

London SW7. The Duke of Edinburgh, President, chairs an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at St James's Palace; and attends the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee Lunch at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

The Duke of York attends a reception for the NSPCC at St James's Palace. Prince Edward, Patron, London Mozart Players, holds a musical sofrée followed by a dinner at Buckingham Palace. The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victim Support Schemes,

(Arthur Stanley Jefferson),

launches Victim Support's Silver Jubilee, Cranmer House, Brixton Road, London SW9; and attends the National Sporting Club's Calcutta Cup Luncheon at the Café Royal, London Wi. The Duke of Gioucester, Patron, the Friends of the Gibraltar Heritage Society, attends the

annual meeting at the Imperial War Museum, London SE1.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry

Horse Guards, 11am.

Steve Martin the other day. Mounted Regiment mounts My generation did: a Clasthe Queen's Life Guard at sics master's initials LR.C. prompted years of pnns ("irksome prep"). Spurned by Walsh, much used by Shakespeare, wk came from

#### WORDS CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

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Johnson quotes Addison: "there is nothing so irksome as general discourses, especially when they turn Scandinavia via the North. chiefly upon words".

Wheen, for one, happily confesses to using irk ("a very handy word"). Julian Barnes promises to use it in his new novel, and discourses: "Is Walsh perhaps turning a variant on erk? Not Edwardian, it's wartime naval slang." Perhaps this was a subtext to lan

Clark's sobriquet.

On the contrary. Francis

### It's not all cats and kippers

f you are Manx, you feel different. Your Partiament is 1,000 years old; your ancestral language unintelligible to the English. Pound notes survive; country roads have no speed limits. On stamps, the Queen's head bears no crown, cats have no tails, and the Little People - Mooinjer Veggey - are everywhere. Douglas's faded guest houses may recall Blackpool and the local accent sound Scouse, but this is a Celtic place. The Pagan Federation has just appointed a national officer from here.

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Many are unaware of Manx distinctiveness. They imagine a bit of Lancashire floated west. But the island's creation story is more persuasive - Irisb giant Finn MacCool fought a Scottish contemporary and flung a clod of earth towards him. It fell short into the sea.

You can see the difference the moment you arrive. This island is awash in spring flowers, thanks to the Gulf Stream, while Lancashire remains stuck in winter. Whitewashed cottages in Cregneash have a rare, rounded thatch, tied at the eaves just as in Donegal. With their peat fires, they smell like Ireland.

Neighbouring England - known as "the adjacent island" - is awakening to this difference. Yesterday, the island's leaders met to discuss the implications of breaking away from the UK. The Isle of Man is a Crown dependency, outside the UK, but London remains responsible for "good governance" and foreign affairs. The Queen is "Lord of Man". This tiny statelet, ridiculed as

in the Irish Sea", is seriously considering the details of going it alone - practical stuff like passports, where young people would attend university, and who would represent the island abroad.

This may sound as serious as a bunch of corps commissionaires planning a Third World War But they are in earnest. And the issue is not Gaelic romanticism. Long gone are the late-Seventies, when Manx extremists burned buildings under the banner "Financial Sector Fuck Off". Today's threatened rebellion is about money. In fact, about £15bn currently enjoying sanctuary from the British taxman. Threats via Europe to destroy this tax haven are behind a potential constitutional crisis

The island bristles with shiny new buildings and household banks that underwrite Manx prosperity. From where brandy was once landed to beat the British blockade during the Napoleonic wars, Sun Life plies its offshore insurance business. The omens are poor. After Napoleon's defeat, the Duke of Atholl sold the island's sovereignty to George III for £70,000. The English killed off smug-gling. The Isle of Man went bust.

Since the Eighties, the island has thrived on low tax, offshore finance, something the Germans oppose by championing tax harmonisation. The fear is that London's Labour government will do Berlin's bidding and stamp out this late flowering of Thatcherism. No one wants to go back to living off spuds

I'm sitting at Heathrow, awaiting

"60,000 alcoholics clinging to a rock the morning flight to Douglas, the island's capital. The lounge is stuffed with corporate types, silenced by an announcement. The small aircraft is full, warns a voice. "Please check in all hand luggage as there may be no space on board." I spot businessmen chutching bulging briefcases. Which, I wonder, is stuffed with tenners, all set for swift deposit?

Of course, I am imagining things. As the island's chief minister, Donald Gelling, reassures me upon arrival: "You could not go into a bank on the Isle of Man with a suitcase of money and open an account. Our banks are probably more strictly regulated than those in the UK." He is right. But the Isle of Man does have an unfortunate reputation. Remember that company found selling guns to Rwanda? Where was it registered? Ah yes. And the man recently disqualified for baving bundreds of company directorships?

Where was be based? Ah yes. But more damaging is the reality of low taxation, which can hardly appeal to Gordon Brown. The top income tax rate is 20 per cent. Likewise corporation tax. Capital gains and inheritance taxes do not exist. And no one need know your name if you register your company here.

So does the chief minister, Mr Gelling, favour independence as Britain flexes its muscles? "We will not be declaring UDL I favour as much autonomy as possible without breaking the UK link," be says in his office, decorated with Manx pastoral scenes. Mr Gelling is the classic Manx leader, endlessly seeking consensus and compromise.



Devereau's Manx Kippers are the main export item of Peel, Isle of Man, the smallest city in the British Isles

His voters are, likewise, not natural radicals. They are close to their politicians. Mr Gelling's home address and telephone number is in the telephone directory along with other members of Tynwald.

I'm in the smoking room of Devereau's Manx Kippers in Peel, the smallest city in the British Isles (one cathedral, 3,000 people), whose tiny medieval streets all lead to the quays where mountains of herring were once landed. "I'm a Manxman through and through, hut we need the strength of England behind us," says Peter Canipa, explaining the tastiest way to eat a kipper. (Microwave for 90 seconds, spread on toast with lemon and lime marmalade.) "We've stayed with the

says. "Why change a system that has lasted 1,000 years?

Andrew Douglas, a former merchant navy skipper with the affable face of a Manx Seamus Heaney, agrees. He laments the faster pace of life. "The traffic has become terrible," he says of the almost deserted roads. "Did you know that the ownership of cars per head of population is greater only in Los Angeles?" But independence is not for him. "We are at ease with ourselves. We feel independent. We are not English, Scots or Welsh. We are used to governing ourselves. But we are inter-

ested in evolution, not revolution." However, there will be plenty of malcontents if London mishandles

Union through two world wars," be Manx interests. In that tiny thatched he says, "is that we could become a village of Cregneash is Phil Gawne, a Manx language officer. Where in 1961, just 160 people spoke the language, today the figure is nearer 1.000. There are two Manx-speaking nurseries. "We need independence," he says, "to regain the self-confidence lost when a language is lost, an experience that is like four di-

vorces and 10 deaths in the family." David Canaan, Mr Gelling's longtime rival and a former Manx Treasury minister wants the Manx pound linked to the dollar if Britain adopts the euro. Nigel Wood, managing director of the Isle of Man Assurance Company, says the island might do better cultivating links with Norway than Britain. "My fear,"

pawn in the UK's negotiations with Europe and I don't for a moment doubt the propensity of the UK government to use us as such... What we need to do is to assert our position on the world stage." Such talk embarrasses Donald Gelling. He worries about frightening the island's all-important investors.

The Isle of Man seems true to its easy-going image, known as "traa dy-liooar". But underneath, stimulated by nationalism in Scotland, lies suspicion of London that could spark a crisis. Do I sense hostility as I return to the adjacent island? Everyone stares at my luggage. But they don't smell fishy money. Just Peter Canipa's excellent kippers.

LONG-HAUL IS hell: everyone knows that. The seats designed for illnurtured bodies, the lowrent aircon designed to maximally dehydrate while minimally refreshing, the party of six sitting behind

you determined to party all the way to Singapore, those puddings made of pink shaving-foam that you can't resist trying, however well you know what the outcome will be.

Now try to imagine what it's like being a smoker in this situation. If you don't smoke, you won't understand, but our habit is important to us, emotionally

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#### THE JOYS OF MODERN LIFE

34. THE NICORETTE INHALATOR BY SERENA MACKESY

and physically, and being unable to feed it is like walking on hot coals. E xposed to the terminal boredom of in-flight entertainment, you sweat away the hours, unable to settle and chewing the flesh on your thumb. Your destination stops being somewhere you've looked forward to going to, but becomes the place where you can have a fag. No more. Now I have my little Inhalator, I'm as happy as

Larry. While others twitch, I sit there, sucking hlissfully on that white plastic stem. Throw your worst at me: Aeroflot to India, Monarch to the Caribbean, I shall face it all with equanimity. The rise of the Inhalator is an example of a glorious moment when something, at least nominally, is invented for one purpose and ends up being used for another, like the sudden understanding

the loo paper runs out at your holiday villa. Maybe it's just about advertising laws, hut the Inhalator is sold as an aid for quitting smoking, when everyone knows it is an aid for us sad rebels to indulge our oral fixations under the very noses of those who would control us. Aside from its addictive, pleasurable qualities, the habit has a

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### You calling me soft?

Rachael's no spineless southerner. Seven years at

a girls' boarding school has prepared her for anything life can dish out. By Cayte Williams

UNIVERSITY IS a great leveller. Students born with a silver spoon in their mouths still have to digest lectures, regurgitate facts and pass exams. Students from working-, middle- and upper-class families all have the same access to books, facilities and libraries. But some will still end up with more debt

than others. Ian comes from a poor, working-class family in Leeds, and it gives him a certain directness. "I'm working-class and proud." he says. "Tve never had a problem with it, but my brother went to Cambridge and he got a lot of stick."

Alistair, the public schoolboy of the house, gets on very well with Ian. but then be represents all the good things about being posh: good manners, an ability to deal with people, and charm. "I suppose public school taught me social skills," he says. Whenever there are arguments in the house, I just see no need for it. We've just got the payment demand from the landlord for cleaning the house (during a particularly difficult time of tenant/owner relations) and there's some tension,

but I stay well out of it." Alistair went to Hymers College public school in Hull, and thinks it did a good job with him. "I would not have been the sort of person I am now if I hadn't gone to Hymers," he says. "It concentrates on people like me who get moderate grades and pushes them up to As and Bs. I'd been in a comprehensive school for a year before my mother took me out of there because the

So does be see himself as posh? "It wasn't a school for the super-rich," be says, "it only cost £3,000 a year. Posh or not, he still had his share of trouble. "Someone once rammed me in the street because of my uniform - there was a lot of opposition to public schools. Hull was very macho, there were always street fights, like in Manchester'

schooling was so bad."

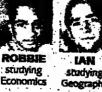
Robbie reckons comp did him no harm. "People who went to comprehensive school are more down to

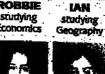


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earth, not as narrow in their opinions and less arrogant," he says. "At university here there are some real toffs who think they know everything." But he has different plans for his own children, should he have any. "It's a big advantage to go to a good school," be continues. "Td send my kids to a private school because they'd go on to a good job. Comprehensive education









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is a bit of a gamble." If anything labels you in Manchester, it's which end of the island you come from. Depending on your point of view, if you come from up north you're hard and gritty (good) or macho (bad), if you're from down south you're cultured

(good) or wet (very bad). "There's a prejudice against southerners," explains Ian, "that they're all wine-drinkers and would rather sit in a bar than go clubbing. Robbie and Dave tease Tasha because she's from London. It's a running joke that southerners can't hack it. They think London is the best city in the world,

they're so narrow-minded."

And if anyone thinks Rachael is a soft-touch southerner they'd be in for a shock. She went to public school and loathed every minute of it. "There was so much hypocrisy," she explains. "One girl got caught at customs with drugs, but nothing happened to ber, while another was suspended for having pink hair. Loads of people took drugs at school, but they didn't expel you for it. It was a wellknown place and the school worried about it getting into the papers.

"There were so many silly regulations," she continues. "I rebelled by going down the wrong staircase, wearing the wrong shoes and smoking She was hauled up in

front of the beadmistress

countless times, about smoking, bullying and general misbehaviour, but her pièce de resistance was getting the girl with pink hair reinstated. "I went around with a petition, got everyone to sign their name with a pink pen, and presented it to the teachers," she remembers proudly. So did it do her any good? "It's ingrained that rebellious streak in me," she explains. "All my old schoolfriends are the same, we've all come out knowing want we want. I kept up a fighting spirit the whole time. It made me come out of myself. You had to be extrovert, otherwise you'd just sink." Somehow, comprehensive school sounds more appealing.

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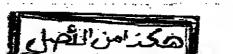
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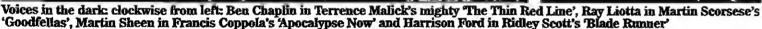
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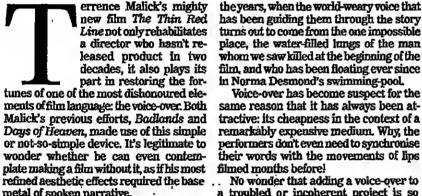
It had become one of cinema's most suspect devices, but in The Thin Red Line Terrence Malick restores the voice-over's critical value. By Adam Mars-Jones











metal of spoken narrative. It is as easy to write a sentence beginning with the word "T" as it is to start one with be or she, but a first-person film sequence is bugely laborious, and a whole first-person film is an experimental dead end. As literature envies cinema its sweep and dynamism, the rendering of externals, so films envy books their effortless access to what lies inside. When Alfred Hitchcock sets out to adapt Rebecca for the screen, he immediately comes up against the book's famous first sentence. His camera's movement is admirably eloquent, but by itself it can't persuade us that it dreamt last night it went to Manderley again; Joan

Fontaine's bodiless voice must do that. In life a voice requires a body, but in art it only implies one, as viewers of Sunset Boulevard have come to understand over

has been guiding them through the story turns out to come from the one impossible place, the water-filled lungs of the man whom we saw killed at the beginning of the film, and who has been floating ever since in Norma Desmond's swimming-pool.

Voice-over has become suspect for the same reason that it has always been attractive: its cheapness in the context of a their words with the movements of lips

a troubled or incoherent project is so much preferred to the expense of reshooting - hands up Apocalypse Now, hands up Blade Runner. Even in films whose production schedule is blameless, voice-over can become a mannerism, a way of melting down book pages and spooning them over a film at the last moment, so as to replace what has mysteriously leaked away during the long process of adaptation.

Just occasionally, voice-over is an in-trinsic part of the architecture of a film. One of the most striking moments in GoodFellos, for instance, comes when the hero's voice-over gives way to his wife's, and Scorsese is suddenly telling a woman's story - not previously a huge priority in his work. The film is unusual among Mafia films in not glossing over the complicity of the women, and if Scorsese had found a way

the years, when the world-weary voice that of ending the story in the female point of teasing filter but as a guarantee, a certifiview then GoodFellos might have been a great film instead of a very good one.

Don Roos's recent The Opposite of Sex uses voice-over in a sophisticated way, by locating the point of view of the least likeable character Christina Ricci has a whale of a time as the vicious, manipulative Deedee, gleefully overturning the conventions of genre ("I don't have a heart of

Adding a voice-over to a troubled film is so much cheaper than reshooting

gold, and I don't grow one later either"). Here the voice-over claims the privileges of the director, commenting acidly on other aspects of the film. She undercuts a would-be-touching sequence of an abandoned lover moping by referring to the un-fair influence of the sound-track. "It's just music... it doesn't make him better than me." She even demands and gets a splitscreen sequence, so that the audience can look away from the spectacle of her giving birth ("Excuse me, but haven't we seen this scene a million times before?").

Deedee's voice-over, quite apart from its large, disconcerting entertainment value, pays a subtle dividend to the film-maker neighbour. Malick's film resists this: the and his producers. She acts not only as a camera isn't enslaved by the progress of

cate of mainstream status. At least half the characters in The Opposite of Sex are gay men, and the film deals with such topics as gay teachers, vulnerability to blackmail and false accusations, gay men as fathers, Aids and bereavement. But as long as the point of view, as represented by the voice-over is distanced from these issues - indeed openly sarcastic about them - a mixed audience can be protected from the suspicion that it is being exposed to minor-

ity entertainment, a film with an agenda. The voice-overs in Terrence Malick's earlier films weren't sophisticated uses of the device; their peculiarity was that they were wan, deadpan points of view with no particular pointedness. Voice-over was used almost against itself, to suggest that people's insides aren't so very different from their outsides. Sissy Spacek's character was at least one of Badlands' leads, but the young girl, played by Linda Manz, was more a spectator of the entanglements of Days of Heaven than a participant. The

narrative tailed off unsatisfyingly. With The Thin Red Line, though, the dissipation of a central focus is thoroughgoing and carefully calculated, and the use of voice-over is a major part of it. The genre of the war film habitually operates by making us care more for one group than for another, more for one soldier than for his

a military engagement, but feels free to caress the landscape of Guadalcanal, swooping obsessively over long grass blowing in the wind. Heroism is distributed unpredictably among the men, and almost everybody

in the film has a voice-over. Malick's film is highly unlike the films to which it is fated to be compared. In Saving Private Ryan there is a moment after the opening carnage when some American soldiers simply execute surrendering Germans. It's courageous to include such uncomfortable material, though an audience that has endured the previous half-hour is unlikely to get too excited over violation of the rules of engagement.

The parallel sequence in The Thin Red Line is utterly opposite. After C Company have finally taken the enemy position, we see the Japanese not as unitary but as borribly individuated. Some are sick, some are demented, some resort to denial, meditating implacably and denying the conquerors any foothold in their reality. One American soldier squats beside a pile of the dying, waiting with his pliers to take their gold teeth. In this long, extraordinarily contemplative sequence, the viewer tastes defeat as fully as victory. And it is bere that Malick deploys the most daringly eloquent of all his voiceovers, its source a dead Japanese face looking sombrely out from a wall of dirt, and asking with full posthumous authority: "Do you imagine your sufferings will be less because you loved truth and goodness?"

### Extreme noise terror

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"THE AIM of these sessions is to make you think, 'What the hell was explained the inimitable John Peel at the end of his second session at the South Bank. That was indeed the question oo all our lips at the conclusion of the Japanese noise terrorist Masonna's seven minute performance. A gawky man with waist-length hair staggered on to the stage and fell on to a pedal that sent a whoosh of feedback crackling through the auditorium. Lying prostrate on the floor, he began tugging at a series of gadgets that were secreted all over his body like a terrorist's armoury. and emitted deafening noises that made your cars itch in protest. He lay twitching and pulsing about like livestock on the abattoir block, and shricked into a microphone as if the apocalypse had arrived. He teapt up and whirled around in circles, wrapping himself up in electrical leads until he could no longer stay standing, and again resumed his position on the floor.

The imagination ran amok amid the chaos of Masonna's sound marching soldiers, firing guns. screaming children, collapsing buildings - while the urge to abandon the show was everpressing. His philosophy seemed to be; why bave the guitar when you can go straight to the distortion pedal? Who needs instruments if you've got feedback, and why bother singing when you can lurn your lungs to a pitchless yell? This was heavy without metal, punk without posturing. If anyone embodied

Peel's mandate, it was Masonna. Coldcut provided a sensory overload of a gentler variety as they paraded their V-Jamming prowess. To the uninitiated, the VJ - or video jockey - is able simultaneously to mix audio and visual signals with a video sequencing computer. As a result, the sampling, cutting and scratching of film and music becomes one and the same thing.

Film has long been an evil of dance culture, presented alongside laser shows and lollipops to tickle the senses of loved-up clubbers. But under the watchful eye of Matt Black and Jonathon More, film and music are presented in exquisite synchronicity. Watching a blue whale rising up from the sea and slapping the surface, we were practically drowned by the ensuing tidal wave. Their music drew on sources as diverse as Dr Who, Tomorrow's World, Jelio Biafra and Jhelisa, but their orchestration of film was the last piece in the electronic puzzle. Coldcut have come a long way since their days with Yazz and the Plastic

FIONA STURGES

### Charm will get them everywhere

THE LATE critic Jack Tinker it's easy to tell them apart. One once wrote that he always liked to find a word to sum up whatever he was reviewing. The word for the cabaret act, sorry. Irish international super-group, The Nualas, has to be "daffy".

Identically dressed in Day-Glo pink suede minidresses and (so we're told) life-saving girdles, the three songstresses are like a collision between the Late Lunch high priestesses of post-modernism Mel and Sue, and the Nolans - The Earnonn Andrews Sisters, if you will.

Bouncing on stage from behind a silver curtain, they introduce themselves for easy identification: "I'm Nuala, she's Nuala and she's Nuala." In fact, although all three are pitch-perfect and preternaturally happy,

wears early-Edna Everage pointy Fifties glasses; another seems to have borrowed a pair from Su Pollard while the other must have stolen hers from Michael Nyman. That gives no clue to their ludicrously varied musical style but it does clue you in to their barking sensibility which creates bizarre songs which redefine the art of

the non-sequiteur Their success stems from a cunning mix of sternness with information about their "selfpenned musical numbers" and rampant silliness. This allows them to rhyme "the Abbey" with "Punjabi" or "General Franco" and "Cinzano Bianco" while kicking up their heels neatly shod in wet-look white replacement? If their three-

CABARET THE NUALAS THE DRILL HALL

LONDON

platform shoes, since you ask - and doing the kind of interpretive hand movements beloved of bad TV specials.

It's fair to say that the likes of Barbra Streisand will not be rushing to record their songs. Can you see her covering "Curly Kay", a wickedly mourn ful ditty about a girl with a cabbage for a head who donates herself to starving school chums and becomes a saint? Or "Tragic Circumstances" about a worker in a fast-food joint who is yearning for a hip



The Nualas: a cunning mixture of sternness and silliness

with it, but once you succumb often rather loosely handled - Saturday's paper

part harmonies weren't so sec- to their charms, you're lost. As A version of this review opure they would never get away a result, the in-between chat-

They tell of their glamorous life in the fast lane, but are not too bumble to sing (hilariously) of their infatuation with a Hollywood legend. And they brim with writing tips: "when there's a tragedy, you can always make a song out of it." The first half builds to a frenzied musical climax, with their friendly priest going awol on the piano, one Nuala giving great air guitar and another blowing the hell out of a recorder. It leads to the inescapable conclusion: The Nualas are the new rock'n'roll. You read it bere first.

becomes fatally endearing.

DAVID BENEDICT

### Look on my work ye mighty and despair

Music of Bath College of Higher Education, together with students from Frome Community College, put on a UK premiere performance of Philip Glass's opera Satyagraha. It was a remarkable production of a difficult piece, boldly staged and beautifully sung and played.

This year the same institution, now called Bath Spa University College, has turned the page to a UK regional première of the final work in Glass's "Portrait" trilogy of operas, a out. Although the narrative -

TWO YEARS ago the School of celebrated Einstein on the Beach in 1975. Akhnaten, first produced in

AKHNATEN BATH SPA UNIVERSITY Stuttgart in 1984, with the text of the libretto co-authored by Glass with Shalom Goldman, Robert Israel and Richard Riddant pomp and circumstance. there's so little action that it dell, proves more recalcitrant

makes those plays by Racine than Satyagraha. The 14thcentury-BC pharaoh of the on an antique theme look like title, a fragment of whose Die Hard in comparison. While there are enough image could be seen in the great Africa; the Art of a Conparts in the orchestra, chorus tinent exhibition at the Royal and acting corps to justify a college production, what you in Academy in 1995, remains frustratingly fragmentary throughfact do with Akhnaten - given the lack of a Royal Opera series that began with the such as it is - has much atten-House budget—must be a ser-

Heaton, fails to supply a convincing answer. By the early Eighties Philip Glass was re-

cycling what some might say was an already over-stretched resource, and as the eddies and nausea-inducing spirals of his style repeat and repeat, you begin to wish that the score came in a Reader's Digest condensed version. You could lop two hours off the running time and not lose any music you hadn't heard before.

expertly directed by Roger means of expression, the phrases (with some excellent director, Richard Studer, makes what he can of video projections as a source of much-needed animation. Comprising a series of short films made by students to fit into each of the three acts, the projections are often excellent, but lack the final polish that more time at the editing suite might have allowed.

On the few occasions when the score provided the high-art equivalent of a big production number, everything suddenly Given the opera's insistence on stasis, with hieratic came alive, and the music was 875638

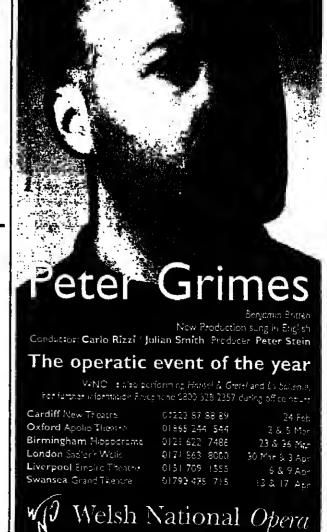
ious problem. Even the music, gestures replacing more usual punched out in bold, brassy tuba parping from Rhodri Griffiths), that showed off the impressive talents of the orchestra. But after three-anda-half bours (including two intervals), you were very happy to flee Egypt at last. That said, the bravery of the endeavour can only be applauded.

PHIL JOHNSON

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### Boring. Boring. Boring

Everyone admires Millais' early portraits. The National Portrait Gallery wants us to reconsider his later work. They're wrong. By Tom Lubbock

late means late. It means the ties or seventies or eighties. It means old. But with John Everett Millais, late means anything after about the age of 30. He had a remarkable career. One decade of early, and nearly four of late.

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Millais was a child prodigy. In 1848, at 19, he became a founder member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, and for about 10 years - from Isabella to The Vale of Rest -he did perhaps the best work of the movement. Then came the great apostasy. For the beady-eyed honesty of Pre-Raph ideals he substituted a series of looser, old-masterly styles. He became successful and very popular: The Bouhood of Raleigh, Bubbles. He was the first painter to be knighted. He said he needed the money.

Now the standard, the established, the absolutely obvious view of all this, is that it was a change for the worse. No doubt Millais did need the money, couldn't afford to go on doing the sort of painting that took a day to fill a square inch; and it's good to recall how irresistible these pressures can be. But excuses go only so far. So far as his art was concerned, Millais might as well have been run over by an early locomo-

Any exhibition of Millais's painting, then, that pays equal attention to his whole career, is unlikely to be just a neutral survey. It's going to have a point to make. It will be venturing a reappraisal. And that's how it is with Millais: Portraits, at the National Portrait Gallery.

Millais painted portraits all his life. In the early work, it was friends and private patrons who sat. Later be became the most demanded portraitist in England, and did a lot of public figures. In this show, the Pre-Raphaelite period is given only its chrocological portion. So it's the later work, including Disraeli, Gladstone, Tennyson and Cardinal Newman, plus plenty of smart ladies and bition. And we look for reasons. It

can't just be a fame parade, surely? Reasons are offered, but they're of a peculiar sort. The leaflet which every visitor gets with their ticket says this: "Millais's late career has often been interpreted as a sellingout of the Pre-Raphaelite values of his youth, and his mature works have suffered neglect. Yet, as the exhibition shows, these portraits were greatly admired at the time and, together, form an extraordinary expression of their era."

"yet" - but it seems to mean that, because the late work was much admired in its time, it's somehow become "unbistorical" of us not to admire it now.

Look to the show's catalogue and you'll find some equally curious lines of persuasion. The leading essay reminds us that people have deprecated late Millais for an awfully long time, implying - I think - that a revaluation must therefore be due. (No: the time for a revaluation is when someone provides grounds for one.) It then proceeds vaguely to impugn the motives of late Millais critics, suggesting that they were, and are, snobby or inverted-snobby aesthetes, resentful of the artist's worldly success and contemptuous of his popularity with a big public. (Suppose this were true; it would again say nothing in favour of the later work.)

The odd thing about this sup-posed reappraisal is its complete lack of revisionary zeal. It seems to have no particular love for the paint-

The odd thing about this 'reappraisal' is its complete lack of revisionary zeal

ings it would reinstate. It just feels, in an abstract, leisurely, openminded, even-handed sort of way, that this long-standing preference for one lot of work over another is a rather unfair and unsymmetrical state of affairs; that taste should spread itself out more equitably and more respectfully.

Of course, this isn't explicitly

said, but I can't detect any more positive argument for the cause. And, in its absence, the appeal to a sense of balance becomes quite paradoxical. The only way it can get us to feel the "unfairness" of late Millais neglect is by contrast with the enthuthusiasm it must also play down, lest it prove to be too infectious. In fact, the main problem with this reappraisal is not the feeble case it makes for the late work, but its failure to see how good the early is. And to put this the right way round: the only reason we have for being interested in late Millais at all, interested enough even to be "unfair" to it, is a sense of loss and disappointment. Simply: late Millais is the

promise of early Millais, wasted. The contrast is remarkably

I don't quite take the force of that sharp. Put it schematically: small pictures against large - a huminous clarity of shape and colour against a glutinous murk - precise defineation against vague evocation. The size point is very striking. You see at once that the early pictures are all tiny, some almost miniatures. This, together with the inexhaustible minuteness of Millais's technique, becomes a very strong psychological device. The image demands extremely close viewing. It can't be seen by more than one person at a time. The viewer is drawn into and

held in intimacy with the sitter. Take the portrait Emily Patmore (1851), one of the wives of the uxorious poet Coventry Patmore. I think it's the masterpiece of the first room, because it fully mobilises this intimacy. It can't be reproduced here, for copyright reasons, but if it were it would fill only a quarter of the page actual size. It's an odd face, made over-oval by its ceotreparted hair. It pushes interestedly towards the viewer. Its pinkness is stressed by the plain ground of deep ultramarine against which the figure is set - which makes it a bit icon-like, too. Every bit of it is ob-

served and described. This is a tendency that can turn quasi-nalve at times - as in Elizo Wyatt and her daughter Sarah (1850), where the figures are maybe a little too dollish. Or it can become almost obsessively informative. With the portrait of John Ruskin (1854), standing on a rock in the middle of a Scottish waterfall, you feel that a group of the relevant scientific experts - a botanist, a geologist, a hydrologist - could append a series of explanatory labels to the various natural phenomena depicted. (Of course, Ruskin could have done all this by himself.)

But at the root of these excesses is the wooderful probity of Millais's Pre-Raphaelite style. It takes responsibility for everything it depicts. It makes it its business to know exactly what's happening in the world before it. It never fobs off the viewing eye with "oh, you know, siastic attention that's long been take the hint, et cetera..." It spells peculiarities of persons and differences of things.

Now make the relevant comparison - say, A Jersey Lily (1878), a portrait of Lillie Langtry, actor and royal mistress. Like many of Millais's later sitters, she was a pubbe celebrity, and you can get a bit of talk out of that. And I don't really want to be rude about this picture. It doesn't seem necessary. Who, passing it in a gallery unlabelled, would slacken their pace? What possible interest does it hold? It's a pic-



'A Jersey Lily' (1878): a picture that seems to be designed to deflect all but the most casual attention

ture that's designed to deflect all but the most casual attention. Everything is vague and mergy. Face, expression, gesture, texture of flesh, hair or fabric - it's without any sense of the particular.

Boring: this is the most promi-You may say "stuffy" or "twee", but early work entirely - but then

the extreme boringness of it is the decisive factor. It's an art that could interest only those who didn't know anything better - wbo didn't know. for instance, the early Millais. And it's true to the paradoxical nature of this exhibition that it could nent aspect of Millais's late work. make its case only if it excised the

nobody would want to go to see it. It may seem odd that a show should be organised specifically to promote the cause of duliness. It may seem odd, too, that the arts, whose boast has long been that they are among the most interesting things in the world, should so

often be run by people who are clear-

ly among the most boring. But it is true - I don't quite know why. The real surprise is that so much good stuff still gets through.

Millais: Portraits, at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2; every day until 6 June, admission £4, concs £3

Other techniques of hers

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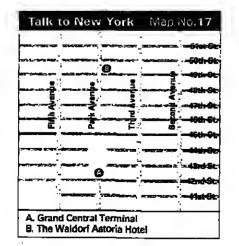
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#### THE INDEPENDENT COLLECTOR

JOHN WINDSOR'S GUIDE TO COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY ART. THIS WEEK: KEIKO MUKAIDE

GLASS BREAKS. So the glass-maker Keiko Mukaide born in Tokyo, now artist in residence at Edinburgh College of Art - must be credited with something akin to heroism for pioneering glass installations such as her Glass Landscape Garden. Its cascade of clear glass waves, moulded on beds of sand in the kiln, looks as if it is still molten. She is a master of the kiln,

which has become more popular among glass-makers than blowing, using it both for vessel forms and for installations that are virtuoso displays of the medium's versatility - and her own. Her glass can seem to fluctuate between liquid and solid, revelling in its translucence, or imitate the patina-covered opacity of a weathered rock.

Her latest installation. Secret Garden, shown here, consists of a field of up to 150 glass plants, over 5ft tall, planted in threes in ceramic pots. The pots of three can be bought individually and carried off for display in homes. The plants are lampwork - the blowtorch technique used by seaside glass sculptors - and each bulbous flower-head contains three bubbles full of water. She dreamed up a way of inserting cavities into the heads, each with a channel through which she injects water before sealing it seamlessly with molten glass. People wonder how the water got there. The plants are typical of her



Mukaide, 44, took up glass-making after graduating in design from Musashino Art University, Tokyo. She was taught to work a kiln in the Eighties by the British glass-maker Diana Hobson at Pilchuck Glass School in Seattle, USA ~ then graduated in ceramics and glass at the

RCA in London. Glass gardens may sound like a Zen inspiration, but Mukaide says that although she still has Japanese taste, she feels she has cut loose from Japanese culture. The Scots, she says, have their own deep appreciation of water, rock, earth and light, and the movement of the

wind. Like other glassmakers from abroad, she is captivated by the quality of light in the oorth of Britain. "It is lucid, clear, more sensitive," she says. "I can't

wait for spring."

Both she and Hobson, who now works both in America and Britain, were shortlisted for last year's Jerwood prize for glass. Perhaps Mukaide's entry, ber glass garden - the only installation shortlisted broke too many conceptual boundaries to be prizeworthy. But she is adamant that glass has potential for public installations.

She has exhibited in Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Holland, Ireland become a signature of hers – fusing strings of glass together in moulds to form wavy vessels. Now, when she is on the

work has been acquired by

well as by the prestigious

New York and the V&A.

installation will be craftily

Edinburgh Festival Centre.

due to open this summer. It

watery-looking, bluish-green

consists of two rows of

throughout the building.

Mukaide says. She moulds

them in plaster in the kiln -

beyond that, the process is

They are tougher than

ceramic building tiles,

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Her first public

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European public galleries as

Corning Museum of Glass in

verge of making a unique reputation as a glass installation artist, is a good time to acquire her work especially a bit of one of ber installations. Her Secret Garden will be on show at the Crafts Council Shop at the V&A (0171-589 5070) from 28 April to 6 June: price £185 per pot of three plants. Her pieces usually retail at between £180 and £3,000

Another example of her installation work, Lucid in the Sky, inspired by Scottish sunlight, will be in a nonselling exhibition with Steven Follen titled Domain at the Fabrica Gallery, 40 Duke Street, Brighton (01273-778646 or 728339) from 17 April to 30 May. It includes a rainbow of glass fragments suspended on twine.

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### HEALTH



### An unnatural harvest

Anxieties about GM foods may soon be overridden by GM cures. By Roger Dobson

he potatoes being fed and watered in a corner of a Cambridge laboratory are about to provide a bumper harvest. Nearly 2ft tall, and hish and green, with an abundance of tubers, the plants look like the run-ofthe-mill Désirée potatoes that grow in thousands of back gardens and allotments across the country.

But these potatoes will never be boiled roasted or fried, and in six months' time genetically changed tubers just like them will be eaten raw by a group of patients to give them protection against hepatitis B.

Several thousand miles away, in Mountain View, California, tobacco plants are producing a compound that's already being used to stop tooth decay in 100 or so volunteer patients in London. And in Wisconsin, 10 acres of genetically altered maize are being harvested not for food, but for an anticancer drug.

Crops like these are in the vanguard of the burgeoning health science of growing medicines and vaccines in plants by transplanting human genes or bits of viruses into them.

While controversy rages in Britain about the safety of genetically modified plants for eating, scores of other GM plants are already being developed to create products to prevent disease, cure illness and save lives. Biotech companies are growing drugs in transgenic plants such as soya and maize to provide treatments for conditions as diverse as cancer the common cold, herpes, traveller's diarrhoea, stomach ulcers, cholera and hepatitis. Also being grown is a therapy to mop up the physiological effects of drug overdoses, and one group of researchers is looking at growing a new type of contraceptive pill in the tobacco plant.

The biotech companies claim that growing medicines like this is the way forward. It is relatively cheap, mass production is easy, quality control is assured, and infection risks are almost for making a particular antibody and zero. Plant vaccines are eaten rather

"Supply is not a problem. If you want more medicine you just go out and plant a few more acres of corn or soya bean or whatever you are using," says Dr Vikram Paradkar, who supervises several acres of anti-cancer maize on the plains of Wisconsin.

The technology behind this revolution in health care is relatively straightforward. Many transgenic plants have been engineered to produce antibodies to disease. Our bodies naturally produce antibodies in



From cornfields to cancer treatment: US scientists are developing genetically-altered maize for an anti-cancer drug David Hughes

response to attack by viruses or may be unable to recognise the invader as a danger.

What many biotech companies have done is to take a piece of human DNA carrying the genetic instructions insert it into the cells of a plant. It benes part of the DNA, which then ed and turned into a tablet or capsule.

At Planet Biotechnology in Mouritain View, for example, the DNA that codes for the production of an antibody that prevents tooth decay is put on to a tiny tungsten bullet and blasted with a high-pressure gum into the nucleus of tobacco plant cells. Transgenic plants are then grown, which produce large amounts of the human autibody

Dr Julian Marr, senior lecturer and consultant at St Thomas' and

Guy's Dental Hospital, who identified bacteria, but in some situations the the antibody and worked with Planet infection is overwhelming, or the body on producing it in plants, says, "Four per cent of the population don't get tooth decay because they naturally have this antibody, but in the other 96 per cent the antibody response is not good enough to be effective ... What we have been able to do is to get the tobacco plants to make large amounts of be kept refrigerated. a major at gives instructions to the plant to grow, trials both here and in America. We vantage for preventive health care in the human antipody in its cells as if it.; have a second trial in London start-the Third World.

We were its own. It can then be harvest inglater this year. Our earlier results

on 100 or so patients have shown that when the antibody goes into the mouth as a wash or as a toothpaste it provides protection for up to 12 months against the bacteria that cause decay." A similar production approach is

being taken by Dr Paradkar, with the growing of anti-cancer antibodies in his transgenic maize. It's estimated that each acre planted will produce enough of the drug for about 2,000 patients, and clinical trials have already begun in America.

The idea with this antibody is that identifies turnour cells and sticks to them, allowing delivery of targeted radiation therapy to try to kill them off. It's expected to be especially useful in dealing with cancers that have spread too far to be cut out by surgery.

"The antibodies are being used as targeting agents to deliver toxins to with the hepatitis B problem throughknock out the cells... Chemotherapy between tumour and healthy cells, but this antibody sticks only to cancer cells," says Dr Paradkar.

In Britain, Axis Genetics in Cambridge leads the world in developing edible plant vaccines, including therspies for cancer, traveller's diarrhoea, cholera and hepatitis B.

Clinical trials on the Axis hepatitis B potato hegin in America later this year, with about 20 patients. It may be given in raw potato form or made up into a tablet, and its success is measured by the levels of antibodies that are found in the blood of the volunteers before and after they eat it.

"There is a conventional hepatitis B vaccine available, but it is very expensive. Our production costs would be much lower, and swallowing a vaccine is always going to be more popular than having an injection. Because it doesn't need to be kept refrigerated, it could make big inroads into dealing out the Third World," says Axis's

chief executive. Dr Iain Cu However, it is the tobacco plant that remains the most popular among biotechs. A group in California is looking at using the plant to grow antibodies that would block pregnancy and in effect act as contraceptive pills.

Twenty years ago, any idea that the much-maligned tobacco plant could be a force for good would have been treated with scepticism. It is now being used to make at least 12 compounds designed to fight disease. Perhaps the greatest irony of all is that researchers in Virginia are now looking to transgenic tobacco to provide effective treatment for lung cancer.

### Should I be a guinea-pig?

I HAVE recently been diagnosed with cancer of the colon and I have been offered the chance to take part in a trial of a new form of chemotherapy. But I have to agree to letting a computer decide whether I get the new treatment, or none at all. How should I decide what to do?

The doctors and researchers who plan trials of new cancer treatments are trying to discover whether a new approach is better than an existing one. If the trial that you have been offered is comparing a new treatment with none at all, it is because the researchers genuinely do not know whether the new approach is better or worse than none at all. So although it may seem that a computer is determining any effective treatment, in fact it is choosing between two courses of action which

knows, equally good. If it becomes clear that the new treatment is better than none at all. the trial will be stopped. and you should be offered the new treatment. Discuss this with the doctors who are caring for you. It would be unethical for a clinical trial to offer you something that is known to be second-best.

are, as far as anyone

IS THERE any virtue in breathing the fumes of friar's balsam? Friar's balsam is a concection of sever different substances with wonderful names such as balsam of Peru, angelica root and Siam benzoin resin. It has been used for at least 500 years as an aromatic inhalation for colds, sinusitis and bronchitis.

I have searched the scientific literature and have been unable to find any research into its effectiveness. It is usually A QUESTION OF HEALTH



DR FRED KAVALTER

mixed with very hot water and the combination of the fumes and the warm, moist air helps to liquely mucus and other secretions in the nose and sinuses. Quite a few people have a skin allergy to balsam of Peru, and it is not uncommon to develop a rash on the face after inhaling friar's balsam.

I WAS a prisoner of war in the Far East and have been told of a condition known as strongyloidiasis which can remain dormant for many years. What are the symptoms? Strongyloidiasis is a tropical intestinal infection caused by a tiny worm. It is possible to carry the infection for decades without knowing that you have it.

It can cause skin rashes, intestinal upsets and, occasionally, coughing, wheezing and lung symptoms. Blood tests and stool tests are used to make the diagnosis.

The symptoms of the similar to the symptoms of a stomach ulcer.

Please send questions to A Question of Health, The Independent', I Canada Śquare, Conary Wharf, London E14 5DL: fox 0171-293 2182; or e-mail to health@ independent.co.uk. Dr Kavalier regrets that he cannot respond

personally to questions



### Risk means exactly that

**EVERY PATIENT who accepts** treatment from a doctor tacitly accepts that it involves risk. That is what "consent" means. We expect the treatment to make us better, but accept that it may make us worse. On that understanding, trust between doctor and patient is built.

That trust broke down at the North Staffordshire Hospital in Stoke-on-Trent, which found itself in the eye of a media storm last week after The Independent revealed that minsters had ordered an inquiry into research there.

The story in The Independent provoked outrage from this NHS hospital Trust, particularly over the comparison drawn with the Bristol heart babies case. There is no denying that the disclosure of the inquiry, into an experimental ventilator treatment used on premature babies, raised acute difficulties for patients and staff at the hospital, who found themselves thrust unwillingly into the media spotlight. That is regrettable but it was, I submit, unavoidable.

In the same way the Bristol Royal Infirmary has also suffered, and will continue to suffer, as the inquiry there turns over the painful legacy of those babies who died after undergoing heart surgery.

Both institutions may fairly claim that they have been singled out for investigation, when the problems raised are common across the NHS. How many cardiac surgeons shook in their boots as they watched the events at the General Med-should have stopped following ical Council unfold during its inquiry into the Bristol case? And now how many doctors



fortune for sparing them the meticulous examination which Professor David Southall, the consultant paediatrician who led the controversial ventilator study in North Staffordshire, is about to undergo?

The blighting of institutions that do much good work is a heavy price to pay. But both inquiries raise issues of critical importance to the conduct of medicine in modern Britain. And, despite the protests of the North Staffordshire Trust, the parallels between the two inquiries are earily close. There is a widely held, but

mistaken, belief that the three

doctors involved in the Bristol case were found to be incompetent. They were not. They were convicted by the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council which (as its name implies) is empowered to judge the conduct of doctors, not their competence - of allowing operations on babies to continue for too long, when they

warnings from colleagues. The GMC case focused on a high-risk group of 53 babies, of involved in medical research whom 33 died or were brainare thanking God and good damaged. Many would have to persuade them to take it up, portant purpose.



died anyway. James Wisheart, the senior surgeon, was also found guilty of misleading parents about the risks and, by implication, invalidating their

consent to surgery. In North Staffordshire, 122 babies were treated on the experimental ventilator, of whom 43 died or were brain-damaged compared with a control group of 122, of whom 32 died or were hrain-damaged. Although the difference was not statistically significant, it was not good news. One question for the inquiry is whether the study was allowed to continue when it should have been obvious that it was having no benefit.

The third and most difficult question is whether proper, informed consent was obtained from the parents. In Bristol. parents were given an exaggerated idea of the success rate of the surgeons, in order to persuade them to let the operations go ahead. In North Staffordshire, it is

alleged, parents were told that the new ventilator was the "safest, gentlest" option, by researchers apparently anxious

One major difference is that the North Staffordshire par-

ents, unlike the Bristol ones, were being invited to participate in a trial. The latest edition of the

GMC's guidelines on consent, which was published last week. says that participants in such trials should understand that it is research, that the results are not predictable and that the researchers "must not put pressure on anyone to take part". How these admirable prin-

ciples are to be applied in the context of a study of premature babies who are born unable to breathe is unclear. Any parent, when told that their newborn baby may be about to die, is almost hound to give carte blanche to doctors to do as they think best. As Professor Richard Cook, a leading neonatologist at Alderhey Hospital. Liverpool, pointed out last week, ohtaining consent in these circumstances is fraught with difficulties.

If the North Staffordshire inquiry can come up with some sensible answers in this area. then it will have served an im-



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### MEDIA

The battle for the broadcasting rights to football is in full pitch. Jonathan Miller considers the strategies of the two opposing sides

### Pay up, pay up and play the game

n the grim Chancery Lane hearing room where the future of football broadcasting in England is currently being adjudged, the game is in roughly its 127th hour, with perhaps 300 hours left to play. The learned friends are in 4-7-3 formation thour junior barristers, seven QCs and three judges). and the spectator gallery has (except for your correspondent) emptied.

Chichester Rents is not one of ynur period courtrooms with red judges and resonating nratory but a large, low-ceilinged, open-plan office floor stocked with grotty civilservice furniture. The room is stacked to the ceiling with hundles and wired up for computers. The venue is usually used for complex fraud cases. The three judges preside from a small, unprepossessing dais. There are nn wigs or gowns. It is all conducted in the dignity of fluorescent lighting.

Within this unpromising arena, the legal teams (players from all sides wearing a near-identical team strip of various subtle shades of grey and pinstripe) and a supporting cast of solicitors, locum economists, assorted experts and spin doctors, are playing for very high stakes. The case essentially concentrates on whether football clubs should strike television rights deals individually or be allowed to negotiate collectively. as they do now under the umbrella of the Premier League (the current four-year deal between Sky/BBC

So far, the three judges (Mr Justice Ferris, deputy high court judge, the man with the whistle flanked by two lay assessors in the role of assistant referees) have heard 40 witnesses, all of them called by the Premier League. The enormous witness list, including such luminaries as Ken Bates, the Chelsea Chairman, and David Dein, the boss at Arsenal, has been a hig show nf force by the league. Occasionally, there is a headline, such as: "Bates dismisses claims from 'couch potato' fans that it is too expensive to attend games.

Mare often, the league, which has the burden of showing that its conduct is in the public interest, has played a traditional England strategy, kicking arguments up the field and hoping that some of them will get through.

They are defending a tidy little arrangement in which, if the OFT prevails, the Premier League has the most in lose and in which the fans, currently limited to a strict ration of television determined by



Conflicting views: David Mellor, top, and John Bridgeman

the cartel, have the most to gain. The case of John Bridgeman, the director-general of fair trading. versus the arraigned giants of the football and hroadcasting establishments, is important to the future of both television and fontball. The significance of the case is greater and Mergers Commission is sepaClub, the biggest team in the league. The MMC report is due on 12 March.

Bridgeman, a Welsh-born former aluminium company executive whose academic training at University College Swansea was in chemistry, not economics has never the less proved a tenacious opponent. Since his appointment to a five-year term as director general in 1995, he picked up on an open OFT investigation of the Premier League that began in 1992, at the time of the original deal with Murdoch and the BBC. "Any other business acting in this way would be subject to competition law and I see no reason why the selling of sports coverage should be any different," he said after taking office. A brave position: football is free with abuse and Bridgeman has become its bête noire.

Mr Bridgeman's case is that the League and the Broadcasters are acting as a cartel responsible for inflating costs and prices. The result has been to put BSkyB in a dominant position in the supply of sports channels in the UK, and to inhibit competition in the pay-TV market in which premium sports programming is the main driver. The result, for the fans, is that many find it impossible to get a ticket to a soldout stadium. Nor are they able to follow their team regularly on television. Only 60 of the 380 Premiership games are broadcast live on BSkyB; the highlights of only three games are available to the BBC's Match of the Day.

ing the action at all of the Premier-



Arsenal's Nicolas Anelka in action - but is current coverage of football on TV really in the interest of the fans? Albert Cooper

are 94 per cent sold out on a typical Saturday and with waiting lists of years for tickets, most fans are reduced to watching Sky Sports Centre, in which sports journalists and superannuated footballers watch games on closed-circuit, and describe them to viewers who are not allowed to see for themselves.

The Premier League's case is that this is good for us and that there is no scope for variation. It is their destabilise the competition of the for the right to broadcast highlights. rately considering BSkyB's offer to ship grounds; it is simply that Premiership, forcing weak teams to This arrangement appears to suit Live sports presenter and head of huy Manchester United Football viewers are not allowed to watch. the wall and strengthening the top BSkyB, the BBC, and the Premier the Football Task Force, to which job

current four-year, £743m contract. BSkyB pays £570m for the right to broadcast 60 games live with some

tronic, digital, TV turnstile at every

Premier ground. Once in a while, reporters show of David Mellor, BBC Radio Five

Mellor's performance got good headlines. He affected exasperation at the impertinence of the Office of Fair Trading. He told the OFT's lead QC. Geoffrey Vos, that critics of the current arrangements "didn't know what they're talking about". The notion that income from television rights could be otherwise distributed was "a presentational refuge point you've taken which is not convincing". Other arguments, though, may finally prove more persuasive.

Over the next few weeks, the Court is to hear witnesses called by BSkyB and the BBC, as well as expert witnesses called by the OFT. Dependent on the results of the MMC inquiry into BSkyB, the parallel OFT case could see a changed geometry. Among the significant forthcoming witnesses could be Michael Grade, a Charlton Athletic fan but also a professional hroadcaster who knows what it is like to be cut out of a cosy cartel. This could be Grade's chance to play a blinder. with an imaginative, argumentative dribble to the mouth of the goal. He could find himself winning the cheers of the crowd, even Arsenal fans, if he could offer a way to let more supporters get a look in.

### The battle to rule over the airwaves

THE OFFICE of Fair Trading's assault on BSkyB and the Premier league is only one of a number of regulatory battles being fought out in the communications industry at present, Oftel, the telecoms regulator, is looking at how telephone carriers charge each nther to use their lines into peoples' homes and the Monnpolies and Mergers Commission is yet to judge on BSkyB's bid for Manchester United. The most interesting battle isn't hetween regulators

and companies, but hetween

different regulators to see who

will be communications supremo. Evidence of this was seen three weeks ago when the Financial Times ran a front page story about how the Independent Television Commission was noposed to BSkyB being allowed tn huy Manchester United. The purchase of the Reds is unthing to do with the ITC, but is evidence of bow it is trying to prove itself as a financial regulator. The story almost certainly emerged from a series nf lunches, held by nne of the ITC's most senior staff, with jnurnalists to put their case for its competence as an economic

regulator. The Government has published a Green Paper asking for views on the future of telecoms and television of interactive services, cable televisinn companies that are phone companies and Internet seems increasingly strange to have separate regulators for what is increasingly the same

regulation. With the development access through the TV screen, it husiness. But this is not how the ITC sees it and the ITC is scared of being squeezed nut by Oftel hence its ham-fisted intervention in the United deal. It wants to

prove it can work with the other

regulators and has already flexed its economic muscles. It ordered the cable companies to unbundle some programme packages to stop viewers having to subscribe to large packages of channels. "That gave the ITC balls. especially when they were sued hy Flextech and the Sci-Fi Channel, hut won," says one senior media analyst.

Since then, the ITC has submitted its response to the Green Ppaper outlining a case for the atatus oun, with the ITC, Oftel and the OFT working together when they need to - as they did when BSkyB was kicked out of the hid for the digital terrestrial multiplex.

The ITC believes the cultural and political importance of television means it cannot he regulated in the same way as people sending computer data down a phone line is. The whole affair is as dry as dust to the outside abserver - it is a battle of the acronyms - hut given that the words television, monopoly and regulation inevitably seem to appear in the same sentence as Rupert Murdoch and BSkyB, the outcome of this boring battle could be very interesting indeed.

### Police and local press collide

DESPITE ALL the changes that have huffeted newspapers in the last 10 years, in local papers there remain some staples no the job. These include the "conditinn check" tn a hospital to find nut how a car crash victim is doing, and the police briefing to find out the latest crimes that have been committed, and who the victims are.

This now seems under threat. Across the country, police forces are changing the way they deal with local newspapers and the amount of information they give away.

Late last year. Gloucestershire Constabulary started the trend when it announced that it would no longer provide the details of those involved in road accidents. The force claimed it was acting after receiving complaints from car crash victims who felt they had had their privacy infringed by local papers.

Editors were furious, arguing that they were being cut off from a supply of stories which they regarded as their right: "If a local person is in hospital it is of interest to their neighbours and friends to know how they are doing," said Anita Syvret, editor of the Gloucestershire Echo. "I crash victims, but also most dewouldn't fight to my last hreath

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tails of any crime committed to protect the right to receive details of every bang and shunt, but locally - again, to protect the identity of victims, whn objectcriminal cases can slip past us if we don't have the identity of ed to seeing their full names the driver to watch out for when and addresses in local newspapers. A meeting was hastily convened between local newsa case goes to court." The Gloucestershire force later amended its rules so that papers across the North-west. criminal cases could be reand local radio stations in Man-

leased to journalists, but local editors don't believe that that instruction has been passed down the line to all police offi-Editors argue that cers and press officers. A system giving accident victims an they are being cut identity number, which could be off from a source used for condition checks at of stories they hospitals, has been rejected as too slow and imprecise to suit regard as a right newspapers' requirements: "Who wants to read about a severe concussion that may or not

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chester and Merseyside. be a young man or an old woman?" asked one reporter on Cheshire police backed down a local paper in the county. Gloucestershire's initiative only of those victims of crime who specifically request it. was followed last week by Cheshire police, again to howls

and will hold back identities The Congleton Chronicle put the story of the police's attempted "news blackout" on its

front page, and its editor,

Jeremy Condiffe, believes this

helped push the police back to a policy of openness: "More local newspapers should take a stance if the police attempt to cut off the supply of information. The advantage at this paper is that it is part of an independent company, so I was able to make the decision to put the story on the front page."

However, recent legal developments mean that editors may be fighting a losing battle to keep some of these traditional sources of news. The Association of Chief Police Officers' media advisory group is currently engaged in draw-ing up new guidelines for local

forces' dealings with the media. ACPO believes that the passing of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, with its clause on a right to privacy, means police forces would be breaking the law if they gave out the identities of victims of crimes and car crashes. The updating of the Data Protection Act last year has also meant that the Data Protection Registrar is in a are likely to be on the way out.

stronger position to tell police forces not to give out details of victims who have been entered on to computer records, and ac-

counts of incidents. The Data Protection Act has always applied to police forces and victims of crime, but has been ignored up until now. Some in the media believe that the police's desire to obey it and the Human Rights Convention to the letter is symptomatic of a freezing of relations between police and press. "There is growing reluctance to help out when you are writing a background piece," says nne mem-ber of the Crime Reporters' Association. "You feel that the police fail to understand why journalists have any right to any information at all." On the other side of the ar-

gument, Elisabeth Neville, chief constable of Wiltshire. made a speech last year to the Guild of Editors telling of a man whose wife and two children had been killed in a car accident. When he got home, he found a pack of reporters trying to get quotes. Given the power of the law, and the power of such emotive tales, some

#### THE WORD ON THE STREET

PAUL MCCANN

NOT CONTENT with his column in The Sun, satellite TV sbow and radio programme, Richard Littleinhn is making a bid for a new career. He was at Radio 5 Live, broadcasting his sports show last week. when time came for the news. Unfortunately the newsreader was late, so Littlejohn took over While reading a claim made by the Prime Minister that the previous government was to blame for something, Littlejohn ad-libbed his own from David Hasselhoff, Yup. opinion: "Well, he would say you guessed it, a restaurant that, wouldn't he?" If it was themed around Baynoatch. Look out for a lot of ham on possible for an organisation tn faint, the BBC would the menu, not to mention have done just that. A succulent breast and producer rang Littlejohn's beefcake on the bone.

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BY FAR the most comprehensive website on the Internet devoted to Rupert Murdoch is that created by Fans Against Rupert's Takeover (Manchester United fans, that is), which goes by the charming acronym Fart(at www.infonamibia.com/fart). One of its offerings is "Hang Rupert", a game that borrows heavily from

Hangman, using the Dirty

Digger in the place of the

stickman. It might be basic, hut it gets its point acrosa.

THE LAST time The Sunday Telegraph grabbed the headlines was when its editor Dominic Lawson was named as an MI6 spy (a charge he vigorously denied). With its leaked account of the report into the police investigation of Stephen Lawrence's murder, his paper is the centre of attention again. Which is more than can be said of Mr Lawson, who is just over halfway through a two-week holiday.

IN OUR coverage of the departure of James Brown from GQ last week. The Independent suggested that Ronnie Cooke Newhouse, whom we described as head of press at Calvin Klein, had expected Mr Brown to accompany her to some of the New York fashion shows. We wish to make clear that Ms Newhouse no longer works for Calvin Klein (where she was in fact creative director) and that she did not attend any fashion shows in New York

THEI Instead, while Britain's top grounds teams to the extent that they could League rather well. Bridgeman's he was appointed by his fellow not be challenged. Only through Chelsea supporter, Tony Banks, the case is that more games could be the collective selling of rights, and shown on more platforms by more New Labour Sports Minister. Melbenevolent distribution of the prolor spoke not as chairman of the broadcasters. He argues that there THE ceeds by the league itself, the league could be both more regional choice Task Force, a quango which claims to represent the interests of fans, but insists, can the clubs and sporting and, in particular, that games could merely as the holder of a £2,500 competition be sustained. be made available on a pay-per-view The stakes are high and, with the basis to fans who would otherwise executive season ticket at Chelsea. advent of digital television, likely to "I have my own views, but not out have no opportunity to see their grow dramatically greater. Of the team - in effect, an additional, elecof line with fans' opinions." he said.

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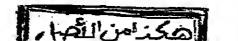
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gies – just sources. The violent reaction from the



Mark Chavunduka, editor of Harare's "The Standard', was arrested by military intelligence as part of a clampdown in January. Here, as he awaits trial, he examines the difficulties on reporting in Zimbabwe

me to the fact that Zimbabwe has the statute books. not yet entered the era of moral civilisation, and that all the treaties ing Official Secrets Act 1970. This that have been signed since independence in 1980, enshrining the rule of law and the upholding of human rights and the constitution, in the government. There is also the are not worth the paper they were signed on.

There are a number of legal instruments which the government can, and has, invoked against those it sees as wayward journalists and

pre-independence years, and when Robert Mugabe's Zanu PF came into power in 1980 the repeal of these laws was cited as a priority. However, they have realised that

Among these is the all-embracopen-ended piece of legislation has made it difficult for journalists to investigate cases of corruption with-Privileges, Immunities, and Powers of Parliament Act, which makes it an offence to refuse to be examined before, or to answer any question put by, parliament, or by a committee of parliament; to refuse to obey an order of parliament; or to Many of them are relics from the publish the proceedings of a committee of parliament before the proceedings have been reported to parliament itself. This law was invoked against two private media

journalists in 1992. Worst of all is the Law and Order

state is a nightmare that awakens handy, and they have remained on Maintenance Act. Among its long tentacies, it is a crime to bring the President, the government or the constitution into contempt; to promote feelings of hostility or to expose to contempt, ridicule, or

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disesteem any group of persons; to incite any person to resist or minister or official, other than by lawful means; to distribute "subversive" statements; or to publish

any false statement or rumour that is likely to cause public alarm and It is under this legislation that we

are being charged. With such a wide array of laws lined up, the difficulties of reporting in Zimbabwe are evident. There are no special laws whatsoever to protect the media, or to grant it access to information. Through various fora convened by organisations such as the Zimbabwe Media Council, the Media Institute for Southern Africa, the Commonwealth Press Union and others, there have been attempts to press the government to amend laws that infringe upon press freepeared to be progress, with the with the media on certain consti-

tutional changes. However, in the last few months there has been a dramatic about-turn on the part of the government. The Information Minister Chen Chimutengwende, now speaks of tightening laws governing the media, and the Home Affairs Minister, Dumiso Dabengwa, told a funeral gathering in Bulawayo soon after our arrest that the government is to introduce new laws to ensure that there are no bad re-

ports about the military. Obtaining information from official sources has become more difficult, with growing hostility between the private press and the government in the last year. Mutual suspicion has grown out of a number of factors, among them the exposing of corruption within the government. Requests for clarification or comments are more often than not refused. Once papers publish the stories, often a rebuttal or denial is given by the government through the state-owned media, rather than through the publication which published the article. In our own case, every effort was made to

obtain comment from the army, the police and the department of state security. No comment was given, but one day after The Standard hit the streets, the Defence Minister was on the state-owned television and radio denying that there had been any attempt at a coup.

The recent events have left me badly shaken, but have atrengthened my and my colleagues' resolve to continue fighting for the truth. In doing this, we are alive to the fact that we are dealing with a government which is at its most dangerous: a government that is very nervous about the political mood in the country, one that is acutely aware that next year's elections could mark the end of the 18-year honeymoon, and one whose worst fear is that it may be asked to account for many years of corruption,

chicanery and worse. The situation at the moment is still fluid. We still have to stand trial, and there are several factors that may come into play. But, at great risk to ourselves and to our families and friends, we stand strong.

As laddism wanes in the UK, its magazines are storming the US - but with a wary eye on the nipple count. By Claire Atkinson

### New Lad takes on the New World

divined from James Brown's premature describing Rommel as the height of Ford, group publisher of Maxim, mid-20th century chic comes a close second in the bad taste stakes to trussing up a topless Asian model and plunging her in a bath of blood. These were not the finest moments in the history of British men's magazines, and Brown has paid for them and other occasional lapses during his 18 months at Condé Nast.

Condé Nast are already talking about taking the magazine back upmarket to restore some of the intellectual credibility it enjoyed under Michael VerMeulen and Angus MacKinnon, and establish a better balance between nudity and new writing. As for the rest of the market, well, Brown's dramatic (if temporary) departure and the gradual arrest in the development of FHM and Loaded, are combining to provoke a rethink about the wisdom of cover-to-cover babes and breasts.

There is a fabulous irony at the timing of all of this. Namely, at the precise moment when Britain'a ardour is cooling, America is enthusiastically embracing laddism. In magazine form, at least.

The US version of Marim magazine is the fastest growing title of azine is the fastest growing title of the US, but the magazine is expected its kind and is redefining the men's to turn a profit in 2000, almost two market in America as Loaded once did in the UK. Set up in New York two years ago under the banner "sex, sports, beer, gadgets and clothes", its guaranteed circulation has risen from 175,000 to 950,000

he lessons to be according to figures out last month.

says: "We are now twice the size of Details and a third larger than GQ." But he concedes: "They are ahead of us in ad revenue." This is because conservative American advertisers



Ex-'GQ' editor, James Brown

are "skittish" about the magazine's fleshy content.

Ford says rivals told him men's estyle magazines wouldn't work in years ahead of its five-year business plan. "We've done well; we were in the right place at the right time," says Stephen Colvin, president of the US arm of Dennis. "A lot of magazines are reacting to Maxim."

American GQ, the conservative With Emap looking to launch FHM fashion title, has a bikini-clad model and IPC surveying the possibilities on its front cover. Esquire recently exit from the edi- for Loaded, New Lad looks to be devoted much of an issue to breasts, tor's suite at GQ finding a home in the New World. while the latest edition of Details fea-In an example of machismo "tures a vest wearing Liz Hurley on es. Lance—its cover next to the line: "Still sna gadelic? Yeah Babyl" It appears that American pop culture is going through a metamorphosis. The big film hits of 1998 were There's Something About Mary and Adam Sandler's The Waterboy, both irreverent and very male. Couple that with endless Bill and Monica jokes on television and you get a

> getting smuttier. Maxim's February issue was adorned by a scantily clad Bridget Fonda. Its cover lines included Lingerie Runway, a guide to Valentine underwear, and 50 Signs the World is Coming to an End. Inside. there were confessions of a strip club bouncer and a feature on how to get corporate freebies with the headline: "Here's how to get more perks than a coffee machine at alcoholics anonymous."

sense that American humour is

There are, of course, cultural differences that Maxim has had to take into account. As Glenda Bailey, the British editor in chief of the US Marie Claire, explains: "In the US, when Cosmopolitan pictured a girl with long hair which covered up her dress and made her look like she was naked, Wal-Mart decided to take it off the shelves."

So Maxim has covered up the nipples and promises rather less than it delivers in the UK. Yet despite American conservatism, Bailey says the size of the market offers publishers the chance to expand beyond







The reason why English publishers are invading the US is simple: it is five times the size of the UK market

their wildest dreams. Marie Claire is up 22 per cent for the last six months of 1998 and she says its owner, Hearst, has plans to bring other titles across the pond.

The most recent British arrival on US turf is Peterborough-based Emap, which became the first UK company to acquire a major US magazine house. It paid \$1.5bn for the special interest publisher Petersen, and now Emap wants to bring its hugely successful and fourth largest English magazine in the world, FHM, to the largest English speaking magazine market. As well as IPC's deliberations over Loaded, Northern and Shell is near to launching Stateside its celebrity

have all been here some time. The BBC has only one title, BBC Music Magazine, in the market, but has its eye on rapid expansion. Peter Phippen, president of the corporation's American operation, is looking for partners to bring across titles based

on its programmes. Time Out New York, arguably the advance guard of the British invasion, is due to turn a profit by 2000, according to founder Tony Elliott. It sells an average 85,000 copies a week and is set to expand to other US cities. Tony Elliott says: "An LA edition is absolutely likely. Film and music advertisers want us to do it." So what is attracting all these British publishers? Paul Hale, head

Time Out, Loot and the BBC, of consumer magazine publishing at US investment bank, Veronis, Suhler Associates, says: "There has been a decline in network TV audiences and magazine publishers are getting their revenge."

According to Veronis, Suhler, spending on consumer magazines rose 6.4 per cent to \$17.3bn in 1997. with advertising growing by 9 per

cent - its largest rise since 1989. But despite the rosy outlook, expat Chris Anderson, who brought his PC games magazines to the US, warns of risks: "The market is inherently tougher and the economics of distribution is brutal. You have to reinvent the business model and that is why a lot of Brits have been burned."

But as Her Majesty's subjects Tina Brown, Liz Tilberis and Glenda Bailey can testify the British do have some unique skills to offer. "The Brits come with a down-to-earth approach to magazines, with creative skills and great editorial ideas," says Maxim's Colvin, while Tony Elliott says the British are just

more independent minded. Chris Anderson, who has built his PC games business into a company turning over \$70m annually, explains the reason for the rush of British publishers simply enough: "America is five times the size of the UK market; when you make it big, you really make it big."

Just go easy on the Rommel and the blood baths.

### Father and son team score on the Internet

WHEN YOU first set eves on him. Greg Hadfield seems an unlikely Internet guru. A laconic 42-year-old Yorkshireman, he rose up through the ranks of Fleet Street with a reputation as a tough, old-fashioned and rather obsessive "newsman".

In a distinguished 19-year career in newspapers, Mr Hadfield absorbed himself in jobs that owe little to new technology: news editor and assistant editor of The Sunday Times, chief reporter on the Sunday Express, senior reporter on the Daily Mail, education correspondent of Today.

Now one of the country's most successful online entrepreneurs, he contentedly predicts that he will never work in newspapers again. Mr Hadfield, together with his son Tom, are the creators of Soccernet, the most successful football website in the world, and one of the most innovative of all online ventures. Soccernet, which costs nothing to visit,

When an old-fashioned newspaper man turned to new media, it ended up as the best move he ever made. By Darius Sanai

scores, results, developments and matches from around the world. It includes elever innovations, such as a Java-based "cheer" which goes up to alert you every time your team scores a goal. The two-man operation in Brighton, with the services of a small office in London, attracts 75 per cent of its visitors from overseas, including tens of thousands of "hits" a day from the US. On big match days, it attracts up to a mil-

lion page views a day. Unlike many other Internet enterprises. Soccernet makes a profit from selling advertising space, and

round-ups on a website. The amount of hits it received persuaded his father to make a case to the Doily Mail. "David English made a speech about the importance of new media. and its seemed ideal for them to take this on," says Mr Hadfield.

The deal that emerged was ideal for Associated Newspapers. The Hadfields would be able to use the stable's newspaper match reports and results, in return for Associated taking a stake in Soccernet. With the over the next four years. Ever since, help of a designer, Soccernet was for-mally launched on 17 August 1995, from its merchandising operation.

The service started in 1995, when and also the first day Greg Hadfield

Tom Hadfield launched a home
Taking started in 17 Angust 1995, saven days a week, with four days a week and the week and

gives instant access to football made football results service on site. "Until then I was just dealing the Internet, posting scores and with it as if it were a journalistic enterprise," he says.

Mr Hadfield kept his day job, Tom stayed at school, and it wasn't until October 1996, following the site's success during the Euro '96 tournament, that Greg felt confident enough to resign from The Express, his then employer. He struck a deal with Associated that brought him and Tom a six-figure sum for their stake in Soccernet, with another, similar sum for running the website Greg has worked 20 hours a day, seven days a week, with four days



Greg and Tom Hadfield: winning website

"without their resources it wouldn't pany is valued at £2m to £9m now. have been able to thrive."

is true, we couldn't have gone any-But not everyone agrees. "Greg where without their resources." sold himself short," a friend and former colleague says: "He could have got a million for Soccernet in 1996." This is possibly true - the com- under the banner GHM (for Greg

Whatever the truth, it seems to

Schoolsnet, which Mr Hadfield, who still edits The Sunday Times' state schools guide, is ideally qualified to run, is still at an embryonic stage, but the opportunities for advertising revenue are enormous, with a potential audience of countless parents keen to find the latest inspectors' reports on schools.

Hadfield Media) have just launched

a schools advisory service called

Schoolsnet, which Mr Hadfield says

"will be even more successful".

Mr Hadfield works from home, and father and son have spent almost every evening together for the

Mr Hadfield claims that he is not a natural entrepreneur. "I'm learn-But Mr Hadfield replies: "Even if it ing," he says. "I spent too much time being a wage slave. This is the most fulfilling thing I've ever done,

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past three years. "I never used to see my dad before," Tom says.

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#### NEW FILMS

AFFLICTION (15) Director: Paul Schrader Starring: Nick Notts, James Coburn, Sissy Spacek, Willem Dafoe

See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: ABC Shoftesbury Avenue, Chelsen Cinema, Renoir

HOLY MAN (PG)

II to proper States

Director: Stephen Herek Starring: Eddie Murphy, Jeff Goldblum

Redemption time! Jeff Goldblum plays Ricky, 8 scuzzball executive on a home-shopping channel. Eddie Murphy is G, a spiritual wanderer with opentoed sandals and an idiot-savant simper. G and

Ricky hook up. Fearful for his job, Ricky uses G as a frontman on the shopping show and sales go through the roof G, in turn, teaches Ricky a few soulful lessons; you know, about life and stuff. Holy Man is a film of bits and pieces. Parts of it (the satirical swipes at trash TV, for instance) are very funny, while Murphy and the wired, neurotic Goldblum in particular, both do well in fleshing out what are essentially one-dimensional, archetypal roles. The trouble is, the film never quite hangs together. It skips around trying to find the right tone; starts out as an attack on media-land, then pulls its punches. It runs worryingly out of steam. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THIS YEAR'S LOVE (18) Director: David Kane

Starring: Douglas Henshall, Kathy Burke, Jennifer Ehle, Ian Hart, Emily Woof, Catherine McCormack

A cast of Britain's finest (Kathy Burke, Ian Hart, Douglas Henshall et al) weave to and fro through David Kane's Camden-set essay on urban romance. The plot is airy and simple: six disparate middle-youth types criss-cross each other over a period of three years; their bungled bed-hopping and snatched moments of human contact scored to a voguish pop soundtrack (Garbage, Morcheeba, Mercury Rev). Hart excels as a nerdish outcast, Burke as a murturing, rough-diamond pub singer. All are well-served by Kane's generally witty and well-observed screenplay. It's just that This Year's Love doesn't quite know when to quit, cranking what might have been a sublime one-hour teleplay into double its natural length Still, that's modern romance for you. You can't fit it into tidy little boxes. West End: Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen. And local cinemas

Xan Brooks

#### GENERAL RELEASE

ANTZ (PG) This computer-animated trifle is surely the most unlikely Woody Allen movie we will ever see. The nerd icon allegedly re-wrote the bulk of his dialogue to provide the voice of worker-ant Z who breaks out from his totalitarian rut when he falls in with Princess Bala (Sharon Stone). West End: Virgin Trocadero. Repertory: Prince to the final curtain. West End: ABC Tottenham Charles. And local cinemas

A BUG'S LIFE (U)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

**BULWORTH (18)** 

Warren Beatty's new satire is a blast: crude and condescending on occasion, yet genuinely sudacious and committed, too, West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Haymarket, Worner Village West End And local cinemas

DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART (PG) So how bad is Don't Go Breaking my Heart? Well, Edwards as a Yankee sports therapist in Blighty. Secondly, it overplays the charms of Jenny Seagrove as the widowed mum he gets together with. This arthritic weepie wheezes on towards a finale so predictable that you'd have to be dead not to see it coming. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

Shekhar Kapur's film is the story of a female figurehead struggling to gain purchase in a male world. But Kapur largely neglects the opportunities for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty. West End: ABC Ponton Street, Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage. And local cinemas

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15)

Will Smith's fall-guy DA teams up with Gene Hackman's pensioned-off Pentagon warhorse, probes a political cover-up and gets embroiled in all manner of Big Brother-type trouble. West End-Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocadero, And local cinemas

HIDEOUS KINKY (15)

Through the teeming backdrop of 1970s Morocco treads Kate Winslet's hippie single-mum, her two daughters (Bella Riza, Carrie Mullan) unwillingly in tow. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Curzon Minema, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Renoir, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleus. Virgin Fulham Road. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

Full-throttle playing from Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustains Anand Tucker's biopic of the Du Pre sisters. West End: Curzon Soho. Reperiory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (15) Essentially this is Shirley Valentine with an Afro-American spin, but Angela Bassett works hard to make an impression among the touristbrochure visuals. With Whoopi Goldberg. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

An excuse for reunions, for an ensemble cast, for the tensions of etiquette against emotion. Writer-director Brian Sloan ticks all the right boxes during this spry baby-boomer outing and yet it's too hyperactive and ingratiating for its own good. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Virgin Fulham Road

JACK FROST (PG)

Out-of-season Yuletide tale. Michael Keaton plays a self-obsessed blues-man who dies and gets reincarnated as a snowmen. The Full Monty's Mark Addy co-stars as his best mate. They meet, they pass, and formula fun is had by all. West End: UCI Whitleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (LA VITA E BELLA) (PG) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Barbican Screen, Curzon Mayfair, Odeon Kensington, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Hill, UCI Whiteleus, Virgin Chelsea, And local cinemas

LITTLE VOICE (15)

Holed up in her bedroom, timid North Country sparrow LV (Jane Horrocks) perfects strident impersonations of Shirley Bassey and Jndy Garland. Bracing black comedy, Horrocks' vocal pyrotechnics, plus a marvellously weighted turn from Michael Caine push Little Voice through Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, And local cinemas

LIVING OUT LOUD (15)

Living Out Loud spins a sweet saga of female liberation, bolstered by a terrific performance from Holly Hunter as the lonesome divorcée drifting into an is-it-or-isn't-it friendship with Danny DeVito's bereaved lift operator. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End.

MADELINE (U)

All aboard for storybook 1950s Paris. That gingerbread house on the corner is the boarding house attended by nine-year-old Madeline (Hatty Jones). That hatchet-faced woman out front is the strict instructor (Frances McDormand). That car going by is a Citroen. You get the picture. This overclogged rendering of Ludwig nelman's kids' stories looks a shade onedimensional, all artistry and no art. West End: Clapham Picture House, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)

This gaudy swashbuckler gallops full-speed through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas'a authentically Hispanic do-gooder. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

MY GIANT (PG)

Billy Crystal plods his way through Michael "Heathers" Lehmann's Lilliputian comedy about a disreputable Hollywood agent who gets a few life lessons when he runs into a saintly giant (Gheorghe Muresan) in Romania. Expect size jokes in the middle and glib morals at the end. Local: Harrow Warner Village

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX (18)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE PARENT TRAP (PG)

The Parent Trap catches Disney cannibalising its own back catalogue; re-heating its 1961 heartwarmer into a spry caper. Starring Dennis Quaid and Natasha Richardson. Local cinemas

Trash auteur John Waters swerves into sunnier streets with Pecker, his fluffily satirical tale of an amateur Baltimore photographer adopted as a fly-on-the-wall artiste by the New York elite. West End: Metro

What sustains this film is the pure ingenuity of its central conceit, its ongoing "mathematics is the language of nature" mantra and louche too-cool-for-school demeanour. It all adds un. West End: ABC Panton Street, Clapham Picture House

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero Repertory: Phoenix Cinema. And local cinemas

YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS (18)

Another troubling X-ray of American mores from In the Company of Men director Neil LaBute. Your Friends and Neighbors widens its focus a little, yet in all other respects this looks like a carbon copy of LaBute's debut. There are the same stage-bound confines, the same structured misanthropy, the same dense weave dialogue. Two features in and LaBute has chewed this bone to hits already West End: Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket. And local cinemas

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#### THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

#### THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Affliction (15)

Paul Schrader's magnificently bleak study io fatherhood and fatalism stars Nick Nolte as a man struggling to escape the influence of his violent dad (James Coburn).

Life is Beautiful (La Vita è Bella) (PG) Roberto Benigni directs and stars in this tragicomic fable about an Italian Jew who tries to shield his boy from the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp by pretending that the brutal regime is an elaborate

Shakespeare in Love

This enjoyable romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the creative inspiration for Romeo and Julies. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow (right) head a multi-star cast.

A Bug's Life (U)

Less sophisticated and more child-frieodly than Antz, this animated feature spins another enjoyable yarn about an ant colony and its battle to survive. Kevin Spacey provides the voice of the chief grasshopper.

The Opposite of Sex (18) Christina Ricci plays 16-year-old bitch-on-wheels Dedee, who causes all kinds of havor when she moves in with her half-brother (Martin Donovan).

ANTHONY QUINN

6.55pm, 9,35pm

#### THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Oklahoma! (Lyceum Theatre, London) Widely regarded as the best ever. Trevor Nunn's glorious production of the Rogers and Hammerstein classic fully deserves its West End transfer. To 26 Jun

(Duchess Theatre, London) Michael Frayn's profound and hauming meditation oo science, morality and the mysteries of human motivation. To 7.4ug

(Royal Court at The Ambassador's) So you thought that the comic fascination of a mass-production bakery in 1970s Hull was somewhat limited? Richard Bean's delightfully funny play proves you wrong. To 6 Mar

The Winter's Tale (RSC, Stratford) An amazingly rich and complex performance from Antony Sher in Gregory Doran's Romanov-style production. In rep to 4 Mar

The Tempest (West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds) lan McKellen (right) gives a low-key performance as a Prospero who presides over an island grimly reimagined as a

correctional facility,



PAUL TAYLOR

#### THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Monet in the 20th Century (Royal Academy)

He lived until 1926. The gardens and lily pends at Giverny dissolve into elemental visions: fiery lights, haze, liquid reflections, voids and depths. The strange last works of Impressionism. To 18.4pr

Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the most intense portraiture ever. Wonten: exquisite melaners of flesh and fabric, dreams of sex and money. To 25.4pr

Andreas Gursky (Serpentine Gallery) Photographs 1994-98: Huge, wide-vision, highfinish, micro-detailed. digitally manipulated images of our everyday

world (right), To 7 Mar



Oppé Watercolour Collection (Whitworth Gallery, Manchester)

Classic and still fresh 18th- and 19th-century British watercolours, including works by Alexander Cogens, John Sell Corman, Constable, and Francis Towne. To 5:4pr

Disasters of War

(Wolverhampton Art Gallery)

"I saw this" - three ages of European war through the eichings of Jacques Callot, Goya and Otto Div Visions from the blackest of times, To 20 Mar.

#### **CINEMA** WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET 

ABC PICCADILLY
(0171-287 4322 (from 1pm) & Piccadily Circus Hamam: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm There's Something About Mary 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (0870-902 0402) ♦ Lekester Square/Tottenham Court Road Affliction 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm I Think I Do 1.40pm, 4.05pm, 8.55pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE 3.45pm, 6.05pm, 8.25pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD
(0870-902 0414) & Tottenham
Court Road A Bug's Life 1.20pm,
4.05pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Little
Voice 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 7.05pm
Shakespeare in Love 1.10pm,
3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.25pm Texas
Chainsaw Massacre 9.40pm

BARBIÇAN SÇREEN 

CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) ♦ Sloane Square Affliction 1.35pm, 3.55pm,

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CURZON MAYFAIR 

(0171-369 1723) O Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge His Kinky 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

CURZON SOHO (0171-734 2255 (12noon-6pm) + (0171-734 2255 (12noon-6pm) & Leicester Square/Tottenham Court Road Hideous Klasky 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Hilary and Jackie 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm Your Friends and Neighbors 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE (0990-888990) & Leicester Square Meet Joe Black 12noon, 3.40pm, 7.20pm The Prince of Egypt 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.15pm Shakespeare in Love 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.45pm

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) ◆ Notting Hill Gate Your Friends and Neighbors 1.50pm, 4.10pm, 6.30pm. 1.50pm, 4.10pm, 8.55pm (+ Short: Tattoo)

3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

NOTTING HILL: CORONET (0171-727 6705) ◆ Notting Hill Gate Shakespeare in 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm ODEON CAMDEN TOWN

(08705-050007) & Camden Town A Bug's Life 12noon, 2.20pm. 4.35pm, 6.45pm, 8.55pm Little Voice 11.50am, 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 9pm Shakespeare in 6.35pm, 5pm Snakespeare w. 8.30pm This Year's Love 12.55pm. 3.25pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm Your Friends and ors 1.30pm, Neighbors 6.40pm, 9pm

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To 27 Feb

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ODEON WEST END 

PEPSI IMAX CINEMA (0171-494 4153) & Piccadilly Circus Everest 4.45pm. 9.05pm L5 (IMAX) 2.40pm. 7pm T-Resc Back to the Cretaceous (3-D) 1.35pm, 3.40pm, 5.45pm, 8pm,

(0990-888990) & Piccadilly Circus Babe: Pig in the City 12.40pm Saving Private Ryan 3pm, 7.30pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm The Truman Show 1pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 9pm

(0171-837 8402) + Square Affiction 1.35pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm Hideous Kinky 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm 1.35pm, 8.45pm

RITZY CINEMA (0171-733 2229) BR/& Brixton A Bug's Life 1.50pm, 3.35pm, 5.25pm, 7.15pm La Haine 2.20pm Hideous Kinky 4.30pm How Stella Got her Groove Back 9.05pm Life is Beautiful 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Shakespeare in Love 2pm, 6.50pm This Year's Love 2pm, 6.50pm 11ms Year's Love 2.15pm 4.35pm 6.55pm, 9.10pm Your Friends and Neighbors 2.25pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm (+ Short: Tattoo)

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SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) & Angel Shakespeare in Love 3.35pm, 6.20pm, 9pm SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) & Belsize Park Life is Beautiful 2.15pm, 4.30pm,

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#### **CINEMA** LONDON LOCALS

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BECKENHAM ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Becken ham Junction A Bug's Life 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm Jack Frost 2.10pm Little Volce 4.30pm, 9.10pm Les Miserables 11am, 6.20pm Sha In Love 2pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm

BEXLEYHEATH CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bedeyheath A Bug's Life 11am. 12noon, 12.35pm, 1.15pm, 2.15pm, 2.50pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, 2.15pm, 2.50pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, 5pm, 5.45pm, 7.15pm, 8pm, 10pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart 6.05pm, 8.05pm, 10.05pm Enemy of the State 9.20pm Hilary And Jackie 6.45pm Holy Man 1.35pm, 4.05pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm Jack Prost 11.30am, 1.45pm, 4.05pm Little Voice 5.15pm. 7.30pm, 9.45pm Madeline 11 05am, 1pm, 3.05pm Practical Magic 12noon Shakespeare in Love 1.30pm. 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm Stepmom 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm This Year's Love 2.30pm. 4.50pm, 7.20pm. 9.50pm Very Bad Things 9.30pm BROMLEY

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CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) 8R; Catford A Bug's Life 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Shakespeare in Love 3pm, 5.40pm. 8.20pm

CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: West/East Croydon Life is Beautiful 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm SAFARI (688 3422) BR: West Croydon Badadiiwala 8,10pm A Bug's Life 5,40pm, 8pm Jack Frost 12,15pm, 2,40pm, 5,50pm, 8,10pm Stepmom 5,30pm

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EALING VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-9070719) BR/O Ealing Broadway A Bug's Life 2pm, 4.40pm, 7,50pm Shakespeare In Love 2.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.20pm This Year's Love 3.05pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm

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**ELEPHANT & CASTLE** CORONET (0171-703 4968) & Elephant & Castle A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.55pm Stepmom 3pm, 5.30pm,

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3110) & Finchley Road A Bug's
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**GOLDERS GREEN** ABC (0181-455 1724) Golders Green A Bug's Life 4.05pm,

CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR-Greenwich A Bug's Life 12.45pm. 4.45pm, 6.45pm Life is Beautiful 8.45pm, 11.10pm Shakespeare in Love 3.25pm, 6pm, 8.40pm, 11.15pm This Year's Love 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm, 11pm

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SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) The Harrow on the Hill/Harrow & Wealdstone Doll Sajake Rakhna 1.30pm, 5pm Fire 8.45pm Shah-hed-E-Mohabbat 1.30pm, 5pm The Soldier (Asian Film) 8.45pr

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KILBURN TRICYCLE CINEMA (0171-328 1000) O Kilburn How to Cheat in the Leaving Certificate 6.30pm Sunset Heights 8.45pm Us Boys/The Gamble 4pm

KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston A Bug's Life 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Little Voice 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 2.10pm, 5.25pm, 8.10pm

**MUSWELL HILL** ODEON (08705 050007] + Highgate A Bug's Life 2.40pm, 4,50pm, 7pm, 9.05pm Madeline 12.05pm Shakespeare in Love 12,55pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm This Year's Love 2pm. 4.15pm, 6.30pm,

PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) 8R: Peckham Rye A Bug's Life 2.20pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart 1.50pm. 7.25pm Enemy of the State
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PURLEY ABC (0870-9020407) 8R: Purley A 3ug's Life 6pm, 8.40pm Shake-speare in Love 5.40pm, 8.10pm This Year's Love 5.20pm, 8.20pm

ABC (0870 9020401) @ Putney Bridge/BR: Putney A Bug's Life 2.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm Little Voice 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 3.45pm Shakespeare in Love 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm

RICHMOND ODEON (08705 050007) BR/+ Richmond A Bug's Life 2.30pm, 4,50pm, 7,10pm, 9,30pm Shake-speare in Love 12,30pm, 3,20pm, 6,30pm, 9,10pm This Year's Love 1,30pm, 4,10pm, 6,40pm, 9,20pm

**ODEON STUDIO (08705 050007)** BR/O Richmond Don't Go Break-ing My Heart 1.30pm, 4pm. 7pm Hilary And Jackie 1.10pm Holy Man 3.40pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm Little Voice 2pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Stepmom 6pm, 8.50pm Your Friends And Neighbors 9.40pm

ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford A Bug's Life 2,10pm, 4,20pm, 6,20pm, 8,40pm This Year's Love ?.10pm, 5.40pm. 8.25pm

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (08705 050007] 8R: Romford A Bag's Life 12noon, 1.30pm, 2.20pm, 3.45pm, 4.45pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8.20pm, 9pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart 4.50pm, 6.50pm, 9pm Holy Man 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 8,50pm Jack Frost 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.30pm Little Voice 6.40pm, 3.50pm Madeline 12.30pm, .50pm Shakespeare in Love 12.45pm. 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm Stepmom 12.20pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 3.30pm This Year's Love 1.45pm. 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm

SIDCUP ABC (0541-555131) 8R: Sidcup A Bug's Life 6.15pm, 8.45pm Shake-speare In Love 5.40pm, 8.20pm

STAPLES CORNER VIRGIN (0870-9070717( BR: Crick-lewood A Bug's Life 1pm, 2,20pm. 3.30pm, 4.40pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8.30pm Enemy Of the State 9.15pm Holy Man 1.40pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.20pm Jack Frost 9.15pm ne 2.05pm, 4.15pm SI speare in Love 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 3.50pm Stepmom 6.30pm, 9.15pm This Year's Love 1.30pm, 4pm.

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NEW STRATFORD PICTURE HOUSE (0181-555 3366) 8R/O Stratford East A Bug's Life 2pm. 15pm, 6.30pm, 9pm How Stel-la Got Her Groove Back 6.25pm The Opposite of Sex 1.30c um. 9.10pm Shakespeare in Love 15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm This Year's Love 1pm, 3.30pm

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TURNPIKE LANE CORONET (0181-888 2519) @ Yum lice Lane A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.30pm. .40pm Shakespeare in Lov 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.40pm This Year's Love 4.05pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm

HXRRIDGE ODEON (08705 050007) & Uxbridge A Bug's Life 1.30pm. 4,20pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Sha Love 1pm. 3.30pm, 6.10pm,

ABC (0870-9020424) & Walthamstow Central A Bug's Life 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart 4.20pm, 6.25pm, 8.40pm The Mask Of Zorro 1.25pm This Year's Love 1.25pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.25pm

**WALTON ON THAMES** THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-

252825] 8R: Walton on Tharnes A Bug's Life 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm Hilary And Jackie 8.40pm Madeline 5.15pm Shakespeare in Love 2.45pm, 8.30pm **WELL HALL** CORONET (0181-850 3351( BR:

Eitham A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Jack Frost 4.20pm The Op-

posite of Sex 4.20pm, 6.35pm,

WINBLEDON ODEON (08705 050007) 8R/O Wimbledon/◆ South Wimbledon A Bug's Life 1.45pm, 4.10pm, n. 8.50om Don't Go Break ing My Heart 2.35pm, 6.50pm Lit-tle Voice 4.35pm, 8.50pm Madeline 1.10pm Shakespeare In Love 12.10pm, 2.55pm, 5.35pm, 8.200pm Stepmom 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.25pm There's Something About Mary 11am This Year's Love 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm The Truman Show 11am

WOODFORD

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MOOLMICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Wootwich Arsenal A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Elizabeth 3pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm

> **CINEMA** REPERTORY

LONDON CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place, SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Marie Bale des Anges (NC) 8,30pm

ICA The Mall, SW1 (0171-930 3647( Foreign Land (Rerra Estrangeira) (NC) 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Des Nouvelles du Bon Dieu (18) 6.30pm, 9,15pm

NFT South Bank, 5E1 (0171-928 3232) The Truman Show (PG) 2,30pm Lola (15) 6,15pm Roman Holiday (U) 6,20pm Heavy Rota-tion 1; New Digital Pop Promos (NC) 8,30pm Idloterne (NC)

PHOENIX High Road, N2 (0181-444 6789( Shakespeare in Love (15) 2,45pm, 5,45pm, 8,30pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 0171-437 8181 Darling (NC) 1.30pm Snake Eyes (15) 4pm Sliding Doors (15) 6.30pm Ronin

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road, W6 (0171-420 0100( Dekalog 7-10 (15) 6,30pm WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (0181)

568 1176( Hideous Kinky (15) 4,45pm, 9pm Hillary and Jackie (15) DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) Central Station (NC) 1.30pm,

6.30pm Hilary and Jackie (15) 4pm, 8.50pm

CUBE (0114-907 4191) Slums of Beverly Hills (1S) 8,30pm

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845] Hi-lary and Jackie (15) 6pm, 8,30pm Your Friends and Neighbors (18) 6.05pm, 8.20pm

CAMBRIDGE ARTS (01223-504444) Un Coeur en Hiver (12) 12.30pm Your Friends and Neighbors (18) 5pm, 9.20pm

CARDIFF CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666/ Your Friends and Neighbors (18) 7.30pm Dobermann

CHICHESTER NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-

786650( Hideous Kinky (15) 4pm, 8.45pm The Odd Couple II (15)

FILM THEATRE (01473-215544( Sitcom (18) 2.30pm, 6pm, 8.15pm Bulworth (18) 6.15pm, 8.30pm

PHOENIX ARTS (0116-255 4854) Dancing at Lughnasa (PG) 6.05pm Aelita (NC) 8.30pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Les les (12) 2pm, 5.30pm Psycho (15) 8.15pm

ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114)

**CINEMA** COUNTRYWIDE

ABC EAST STREET (01273-327010); A Bug's Life (U); Jack Frost (PG). Shakespeare in Love (15): This Year's Love (18(

ODEON (0870-207977(: A Bug's Life (U): Don't Go Breaking my Heart (PG): Elizabeth (15): Little Voice (15): Madeline (U): The Opposite of Sex eare in Love (15(; Stepmom (12): This Year's Love (18); You've Got M@A (PG)

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THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for to day; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. 
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ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Fe-licity Rendal and Josie Lawrence. Gielgud Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5065) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5](7) 3pm, ends 6 Mar, £19.50-£27.50, £12.50-£17.50 (restricted views(. 130 mins.

) AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 7615/cc 420 0000( BR/O Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

D ANNIE Rags to riches story of the optimistic orphan. Victoria Palace Victoria 5treet, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/& Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm. (4)(7) 2.30pm. (1] 4pm. ends 28 Feb. £12.50-£32.50. 165

b ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb, Gary Olsen in Yasmina Reza's com-edy about art and friendship. Wyn-dham's Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 0171-867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm. (4) 3pm. (7)(1) 5pm. £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins. DEFAUTY AND THE BEAST Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4([7] 2.30pm. £18.50-£35. 150 mlns.

• BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musi-cal melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) • Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5[ 3pm, [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32.50, 165 mlns,

• BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930) 8800) Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats (1] 4pm, £10-£30, half price Friday tinees. 160 mins.

DCATS Lloyd Webber's musical ver-PCATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 0171-404 4079) Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (3((7( 3pm, £10.50-£35, 165 mins. PCHICAGO Maria Priedman and Pe-

ter Davison star in this hit Broadway musical about tow murderous women and ther nightclub act. Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7( 3pm, £16-£36 (Inc booking feet, 130 **THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF** 

AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company's keenly-paced theatrical history lesson. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ. Tue 8pm, £10-£25, 120 mins. DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN

Mark Little stars in this witty and wise comedy about the sexes, Apol-lo Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) • Picc Circ. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-Sat 6pm & 8.45pm, £10-£25, concs available. DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield

talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets. London Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) O Hammers Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £12.50-£32.50, 150 mins.

FILUMENA Judi Dench and Michael Pennington star in Timber-lake Wertenbaker's new translation of Eduardo de Filippo's play. Pic-cadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734( ♥ Picc Circ. In rep. tonight 8pm, ends 27 Feb, £12-£30. 120 mins.

● GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ◆ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4([7( 3pm, £10-£32.50, 150 mins.

 AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Lyric 5haftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4) 3pm, )7) 4pm, £7.50-£29.50, 165

AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) & Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, (4) 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £12-£29.50. 110 mins.

DLIFT OFF Issues of race are explored in Roy Williams's new piece.
Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2
10171-565 5000) & Leic Sq. Tonight 7pm, ends 13 Mar, E10, concs E5

ILITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EU-NUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the revolutionary activist in David Hal-liwell's drama. Comedy Panton Street. SW1 (0171-369 1731( & Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat Spm. [5][7] 3pm. ends 13 Mar. £7-£27.50.

• THE MEMORY OF WATER Alison Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching comedy about hree sisters returning home for their mother's funeral. Vaudeville 5trand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/O Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5][7] 3pm, £8-£27,50.

D LES MISERABLES Musical tramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909( & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm.

• MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060( O Covent Garde Sat 7.45pm, (4)[7] 3pm. £8.50-£35.

THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnit Sr M. West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) 2.45pm, (7(5pm, £10-£24.50, 135

ing the specifical states of the

DOKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in the National's acclaimed pro-duction of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy versus farmhand musical Lyceum Wellington Street, WC2 (0870-606 3446/cc 606 6446) Clockwork Orange Disturbing and provocative adaptation of Anthony O Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4([7( 2.30pm, ends 26

June. £10-£35.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical, Her Majesty's Hay-market, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 0171-344 4444( ← Plcc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. (4)(7) 3pm. £10-£35.

RENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (07000-211221) ⊕ Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7,30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160

RICHARD III Robert Lindsey stars as the historical villain. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 0171-836 0479] → Charing X/Embank-ment, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7( 2.30pm, ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE

● L/TTELTON: The Forest Alan Ayekbourn's new version of Ostrovsky's black social satire stars Frances de la Tour, in rep, today 2,15pm & ● COTTESLOE: The Riot Nick Darke's drama from Kneehigh Theatre. In rep. tonight 7.30pm. Lyt-telton: £8-£27. Cotresioe: £12-£18.

452 3000). BR/ Waterloo. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE BARBICAN: The Merchant
Of Venice RSC production of Shakespeare's drama about love and money. In rep. 7.15pm, ends 9 Mar. 180

NT2000: £4, concs £3. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-

• THE PIT: Goodnight Children Everywhere A teenage evacuee re-turns bome at the end of the war and after the death of his parents in Richard Neison's moving new drama. In rep, tonight 7pm, ends 27 Apr. Barbican Theatre: £5-£26. The Pit: £11-£18.50. Barbican Centre, £C2 (0171-638 8891(. 8R/• Barbi-

• YOUNG VIC: Bartholomew Fair Jonson's theatrical drama is sympathetically staged by the RSC. In rep, tonight 7.15pm. £14-£20. The Cut, 5£1 [0171-928 6363] ⊕/BR:

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs and three new tracks by the Bee Gees and starting Adam Garcia. London Palladium Argyl Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

D SHOCKHEADED PETER Brilliant junk opera, featuring the Tiger Lil-lies. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311( & Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, Mar 31, ends 10 Apr. £5-£18. AMERICAN IMPORTS:

SPLASH HATCH ON THE E GO-ING DOWN Upbeat depiction of a black community as part of the American Imports season, Donmar Warehouse Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732( → Covent Garden, fonight 8pm, £8-£15, mats £8. • STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi-

SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/O Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mlns. TOAST Richard Wilson directs Richard Bean's new drama set in a Hull bakery, Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street. WC2 (0171-565 5000( ← Leic Sq. Tonight 9pm, ends 6 Mar. £10, concs

 VASSA Howard Davies directs a w stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and her down-Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) + Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, ends 27 Mar, £5-£29.50.

THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in a country bar in Ire-land and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000( ← Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7] 3.30pm, £5-£25. 90 mins.

 WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987) ♦ Leic 5q/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5)(7] 3pm,

£18.50-£35. 160 mlns. O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND ber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus. Aldwych Aldwych WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 0171-836 2428(  $\oplus$  Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 120 mins,

• THE WOMAN IN BLACK Stage aptation of Susan Hill's chilli phost story. Fortune Russell Street WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 0171

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ARTS THEATRE Howard Crab tree's When Pigs Fly Gay musical comedy poking fun at American cul-ture. Tue-Fri 8pm, 5at 6pm & 8.30pm, Sun 6pm, ends 3 Apr. £20-£25 concs £15. Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 3334/cc 741

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON Jackson Ward Dark comedy about retired rgeons. Tue-Sun 1 pm, ends 7 Mar. £5, concs £4. The Vagina Monologues Eve Ensler performs ber own aclaimed off-Broadway hit. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 6 Mar. £12-£13.

TRICYCLE THEATRE ... And the Brother, Too Eamon Morrissey in a piece based on Flann O'Brien's writing. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Sat 4,15pm, ends 27 Feb. 68-£13, concs available. Kilbum High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) & Kil-

> **THEATRE** COUNTRYWIDE

BRIDGWATER BRIDGWATER ARTS CENTRE A Doll's House Dynamic and innova-tive reworking of Ibsen's classic. Ionight 8pm. £6. concs £5 Castle Street (01278-422700) GARDNER ARTS CENTRE A

88's novel 23-27 Feb. 7.45pm.

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

Last Call HAVING BEEN THE centrepiece for the recent V-Day, where female celebrities tried to raise public awareness of their nether regions, the London run of The Vagina Monologues draws to a close. While writer, director and performer Eve Ensler (right) has received mixed reviews for her expounding of the public's unease with female genitalia, it can't be denied that she's got attitude. Not for the faint-hearted, this exploration of women's sexual identity is nevertheless a quirky mix of teasing comedy and touching drama. King's Head, London N1 (0171-226 1916) to 6 Mar

SINCE THEIR Top 30 hit "Flame" and headline spot

on an NME tour, momentum has been gathering for

American punk rock hand Sebadoh. If their recent Top

of the Pops outing is anything to go by, they will inject

terrific energy into the gentle, guitar-stroking music that

currently passes for rock. They are lead by Lon Barlow,

who also penned the soundtrack for the mevie Kids

G2, Glasgow (0141-353 3111) 29 Apr., Riverside, Newcastle

(0191-261 4386) 30 Apr., Wulfren Hall, Woloerhampton

with Dinosaur Jr. Bob Fay and Jason Lowenstein.

(01902 552121) 1 May

ty of Sussex, Lewes Road (01273-685861) **PAVILION THEATRE Hippolytus** man and a woman, step mother and step son, find their illicit affair spi-ralling into chaos. Tonight 7.30pm. £7.50, concs £5.50 New Road (01273-709709)

First Call

ERISTOL
THEATRE ROYAL Blues Brother Soul Sisters Ruby Turner stars in this feel-good soul musical. Mon-Wed 7,30pm. Thur-Fri, 8pm, Sat 9pm, mats Thur 2.30pm, Sat 5pm, ends 6 Mar. £3-£19, concs available

THE HAWTH Girls' Night Out Hen-night comedy by Dave Simpson. 22-27 Feb, 8pm. £15, concs avail-able Hawth Avenue (01293-553636)

DARTFORD ORCHARD THEATRE The Rocky Horror Show Twenty-fifth anniver sary tour of the classic rock'n'roll mu sical Mon-Sat 7.45pm, Fri & Sat 5.45pm & 8.45pm, ends 27 Feb. £14.50-£22.50, concs available forme Gardens (01322-220000)

EPSOM PLAYHOUSE And Ther There Were None Agatha Christie's whodunnit set in a lonely house on a remote island, 22-24 Feb, 7.45pm. £10-£15.50, concs available

EYE THEATRE Affairs in a Tent Ayckbourn romp involving an alcoholic headmaster, his neurotic wife, their cleaner and a randy caretaker. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, ends 27 Feb. £5.95-£10.95, concs available Broad Street (01379-870519)

YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE LOO Michael Elphick and Letitia Dean star in Orton's black comedy. Tue & Wed 7,45pm, Thur 2.30pm & 7,45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, ends 27 Feb. £10.00 £20.50 Millbrook (01483-440000)

NEWBURY ing Heads Janet Brown, Patricia England and Sophie Lawrence bring Alan Bennett's superb monology to life. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 13 Mar. £6-£16.50 Bagnor (01635-46044)

NORTHAMPTON ROYAL THEATRE Dombey and Son Michael Napier Brown's adaptation of Dickens' novel. Mon-Sa 7.30cm, mats Thur 2.30cm, Sa hall Road (01604-632 533)

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE The Gin Game Frith Banbury directs Joss Ackland and Dorothy Tutin in this drama which centres around a lengthy game of Gin Rummy Mon-Thur & Sat. 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, mat 25 Feb, 2.30pm, ends 27 Feb, £8-£19.50 Beaumont Street (01865-798600)

SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE The Birchday Party Husband and wife team Timothy West and Prunella Scales in Pinter's classic. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm, mat Thur n. ends 6 Mar. £8-£15 Malt house Lane (01722-320333(

NUPPIELD THEATRE Earth and Sk she knows her boyfriend well - until there is a murder. Mon-Thur 7,30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 27 Feb. £5.95-£12.50, concs available University Road (01703-671771)

STEVENAGE GORDON CRAIG THEATRE Abl-gail's Party Steven Pinder (Brook-side's Max Farnham) stars in Mike euse e mas Farmam) stars in Mile Leigh's comedy. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mat 25 Feb, 2.30pm, ends 27 Feb. E7-E13.50, concs available Lytton Way (0:438-766866)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON The Lion, the Witch and the Vardrobe Adrian Noble directs Lewis Namia classic, Today 1,30pm & 7.15pm, ends 27 Feb. £5-£30 Waterside (01789-295623(

SWANSFA GRAND THEATRE A Kiss on the Bottom Frank Vickery's comedy set in a female hospital ward. 22-27 Feb. 7.30pm. £6.S0-£9.50, concs available Singleton Street (01792-475715(

WELLINGBOROUGH THE CASTLE The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) Reduced Shakespeare Company last-forwards through 37 plays. Tonight 7.30pm. £9.50, concs £6.50 Castle Way (01933-270007(

THEATRE ROYAL GYM AND TON

Lloyd Webber's musical version of

the Bible story. Mon-Thur & Sat. 7.30pm, Frl, 8pm, mats Mon-Thur

K. John Godber's comic insight into scrobics and the ageing process. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Thur 2.30, Sai 4,45pm, ends 27 Feb. £6-£25, available Thames Stree **NEW VICTORIA THEATRE Joseph** and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Tim Rice and Andrew

EXHIBITIONS

HOTBATH GALLERY Dialogue of the Present Women artists reflect their origins in Arabic culture. Mon-Fri 9am-4.45pm, Sat 10am-4pm, ends 17 Feb, free. City of Bath Col-lege, Avon Street (01225-312191)

MUSEUM OF COSTUME Primitive MUSEUM OF COSTUME Primitive Streak: Helen Storey and Dr Kate Storey Collaboration between a fashion designer and a biologist. Mon-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.90, concs £3.50, child £2,90, group concs. Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street (01225-477789)

BRUTON GALLERY Forming the Figure Including works by Rodin and Henry Moore, Mon-Fri 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Stock-well House, Bruton High Street (01749-812205)

CAMBRIDGE FTTZWILLIAM MUSEUM The Society of Three: Whistler, Fantin-La-toor and Alphonse Legros Exhibition of drawing and prints ex-amining the common stylistic ground of the three artists. Ends 14 Feb. Picasso and Matisse Prints, drawings and ceramics from the museum's collection, Ends 11 Apr. Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary American Prints Early etch-ings of the East Coast, lithographs woodcuts and screenprints. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends

2 May, free, Trumpington Street (01223-332900) LONDON ANTHONY D'OFFAY Andy Warhol Sculpture and paintings. Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, ends 11 Mar, free, Dering Street, W1 (0171-499 4100) + 8 ond Street/Oxford Circus.

DESIGN MUSEUM Mini: Forty Years of a Design Icon Mini's designed by celebrities mark the 40th anniversary of the vehicle. Doens Feb 9. Ends 9 Ma um). Modern Britain 1927-1939 A study on the important period after the Great War including the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Bar-bara Hepworth, Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. £5.25, concs £4

(0171-378 6055) ◆ Yower HIT/DLR: HAYWARD GALLERY Patrick Caulfield More than 50 colourful paintings by the leading British Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr. £6, concs £4, family £12. Belvedere Road, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/+0

n). Shad Thames, SE1

NATIONAL GALLERY In the Light of Fra Angelico: Zanobi Strozzi Study exhibition exploring the paintings of the 15th-century artist. Ends 7 Mar. Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of paintings and drawings by the 19th-century French artist. Mon, Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4, Wed £4 7pm-10pm, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) &

Charing Cross, Leicester Square. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings made in the 26 years after 1900. Mon-Thur, Sun 9am-6pm, Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. £9, cones £6, child (12-18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413 1717) & Green Park,

TATE GALLERY Turner in the Ains Works on paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802. Ends 14 Feb. In Celebration: The Art of the Country House Paintings and sculpture, including work by Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 28 Feb, free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887

8800) Pimlico. OXFORD ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese Sliks Coloured 18th and 19th century hangings. Ends 28 Feb.
Nineteenth Century French Drawings Recent acquisitions alongside
major drawings. Ends 28 Feb. The Painterly Brush Oil sketches dating from the 16th to the early 20th century. Tue-Sat 10am-4pr 2pm-4pm, ends 21 Mar, free. Besu-mont Street (01865-278000)

ST IVES TATE GALLERY Display 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and ceramics from the cond half of the century, plus a selection of contemporary work. Quoit Montserrat: Veronica Ryan Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montservat in the West Indies, the artist's birthplace. Mon-Sa 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

GLYNN VIVIAN ART GALLERY Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Tue-Sun 10a 5pm, ends 14 Mar, free. Alexandra Road (01792-651738/655006)

WOLVERHAMPTON WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY Disasters of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war etchings. Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, 20 Mar, free. Lichfield Street (01902-552055)

CLASSICAL

LONDON BARBICAN HALL Nikolai Demidenko The pianist plays Beethoven and Liszt. Tonight 7.30pm. £8.50-£18.50. Barbican Centre. ECZ {0171-638 8891) O Moorgate/Barbican.

PURCELL ROOM Endymion Ensemble Composer Colin Matthews's choice of modern works. Tonight 7.30pm. £7-£12. South Bank, S£1 (0171-960 4242( BR/+ Waterloo. WIGMORE HALL Alfredo Peri

Haydn, Liszt and Ravel from the pi-anist. Tonight 7.30pm. £8-£15. Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141( + Bond Street/Oxford Circus. TURNER SIMS CONCERT HALL. SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY London Mozart Players Chamber En-

**OPERA** 

semble Wind Serenades by Dvorak

and Mozart, Tonight 8pm. £10.

concs £9. University Road (01703-

LONDON LONDON COLISEUM Parsifal English National Opera with a new stag-ing of Wagner's final work directed by Nikolaus Lehnhoff, Tonight 5pm, £8-£60, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) • Leicester

Square/Charing Cross. ROYAL ALBERT HALL Tosca In-theround staging of Puccini's opera di-rected by David Freeman, Tonight 7.30pm, £13,50-£39,50, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) & High Street Kensington.

DANCE

CANTERBURY MARLOWE THEATRE Tango P. Argentinian dance musical, Tonight 7.30pm. £9.50-£17.50. The Friars (01227-787787(

SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEA-COCK THEATRE Paco Pena Flamenco Presents La Musa Gitana guitar. Tue-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, Sun 3pm, ends 7 Mar. £7.50-£35. Portustal Street, WC2 (0171-863 8222)

**OUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Spring** Loaded Festival Tonight's enter-tainment as part of this dance festival is Random Dance Company with Sulphur 16. Tonight 7.45pm. £8-£12, conce available South Bank Centre SE1 (0171-960 4242( BR/+ Wa-

LITERATURE

POETRY SOIREE Music and poetry, with Betty Mulcahy perform the work of pioneering women neering women wri ers. Post Office T Street, Off Bariby Road W10 (0181-960 3337) ← Ladbroke Gro Tonight 8.30pm. £4, concs £3.

ARCHETYPES IN LITERATURE FAUST AND DON JUAN Martin Swales, UCL's Professor of German, talks about the development of the Faust and Don Juan figures, Voice Box, Royal Festival Hall South Bank SEI (0171-960 4242 BR/+ Waterioo. Tonight 7.30pm, £4, concs

COMEDY

THE COMEDY STORE The Cutting Edge with Steve Gribbin, Paul Thorne, Martin Coyote, Lee Hurst, Boothby Graffoe, Sean Meo. Tonight Boothby Graffoe, Sean Meo. Tonight 8pm. Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433/cc 0171-344 4444( & Piccadilly Circus, £11, concs £7.

CRAIG CHARLES AT UNIVERSITY

OF GREENWICH STUDENTS' UNION The star of Red Dworf and

Robot Wars. Tonight 8.30pm, Island Site, Wellington Street, SE18 (0181-317 8687) Woolwich Arsenal, £9 HERSTERICS COMEDY CLUB AT TUT 'N' SHIVE Cathy P. Karola Gaj-da, Prudence, Caroline Bainbridge Beth Cunningham, MC Laura Shavin, Tonight 8.45pm, Upper Street, N1 (0171-359 7719) & High-

**CLUBS** 

bury & Islington, £4, concs £3.

BUBBLEGUM AT CLUB LOCO House night with Jody (Way Out West), Mark Davis and Ian Willis Tonight 9.30pm-2am, £3, £2 in adv. Hepbum Road, Stokes Croft (0117-942 62081

INDIGO AT MADAME JO JO'S Pelchley Hawkes and DJ Karminsky play easy listening. Tonight 9pm-2am, Brewer Street, W1 (0171-734 2473( + Piccadilly Circus, £7, concs before 10.30pm £5.

**EVENTS** 

CARDIFF TOWARDS A SINGLE CURRENCY TOWARDS A SINGLE CURRENCY First showing of the British entries from the coinage design competition for the European Single Currency. National Museum And Gallery Cathays Park (01222-573473) Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 6 Aps. £4.25, concs £2.50, family £9.75, under 5s free (museum entry). free (museum entry).

THE ART WORKSHOP Drop in to the studio and try your hand at a whole range of activities, including mosaics, mirrors, fabric, glass and ce-ramics. The Art Workshop Rosemont Road NW3 (0171-431 5696) Finchley Road, Mon-Fri 9.30am-

HEDGEHOG HOSPITAL Learn all about hedgehogs at this rescue cen-tre where you can hold them and see their babies being fed, in season. Hedgehog Hospital At Prickly Ball Farm Denbury Road (01626-362319) Mon-Sun 10am-5pm. £4,50, child (4-14) £2,95.

MUSIC

BRIGHTON THE TOASTERS, EDNA'S GOLD-FISH US ska scene pioneers head-line, Pavilion Theatre New Road (01273-709709) Tonight 8,30pm, phone for prices.

RAE AND CHRISTIAN Decks driven duo tour the new single, "All I Ask". Zap Cub Kings Road Arches (01273-202407] Torright 9pm, £6. COLCHESTER GENE Martin Rossiter's epic post-

Britpop crew tour the new album, Revelotions. Colchester Arts Centre 5t Mary-at-the-Walls, Church treet (01206-500900) 8.30pm, £8. LISAHALL Passionate pop-combo built around singer-songwriter Lisa

Street NW1 (0171-387 0428) &

FANTASMAGROOVER, RADAR. MINK Peel Session headliners play intense guitar pop. Water Rats The-arre Gray's Inn Road WC1 (0171-284 0077( O/BR: King's

Tonight 8.30pm, £5, concs £4. NORWICH NOWMEN
THREE COLOURS RED Melodic pop-punk from the new album, Revolt.
The Waterfront King Street (01603-632717/cc 764764) Tonight 8pm,

**PORTSMOUTH** 

outfit, previewing a new album, Coll To Arms. Wedgewood Rooms Albert Road, Southsea (01705-863911) MUSIC

SICK OF IT ALL New York hardcore

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK PERRIER YOUNG JAZZ AWARDS First of three semi-finals. 606 Club Lots Road 5W10 (0171-352 5953( & Fulham Broadw ray/Earls Court Tonight 9.30pm, £4.95.

HUMPHREY LYTTELTON BAND

Long established trad and main-stream trumpeter Buil's Head Lons-dale Road SW13 (0181-876 5241) THE BLACKBYRDS Hip rare groove sounds by trumpet great Donald Byrd. Jazz Cafe Parkway NWI (0171-916 6060( & Camden Town. Tonight 9pm, £16, adv £13.50 (Fri-Sat £18, adv £15).

BILLY JENKINS' ENTERTAINMENT USA Satirical free-blues guitarist deconstructs the States. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722( & Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm, £12.50. MARLENE VERPLANCK International cabaret chanteuse. Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-

235 5273) → Hyde Park Corner. Tonight 9.15pm & 11.15pm, £18, adv £16. FLORA PURIM/AIRTO MOREIRA. TOM CAWLEY/RUTH HAMMOND Latin fusion veterans, support from YJMY winner and runner-up. Ror nie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) & Leicester Square. Tonight 9.30pm, £15, mems £4.

FOUR IN THE BAR S' aightahead hop with Your Garnett and Janusz Carmillo. Rose & Crown Church ing W5 (0181-567 2811) Tonight 8.30pm, free, LEE GIBSON Prolific recording vo-

called with her quartet. Rudand Arms Perry Hill SE6 (0181-291 9426) BR: Catford Bridge. Tonight 8pm, free. JAMIE ANDERSON'S DOG CATCH-ERS Sax-led trio explorations after Somy Rollins. Vortex Stoke New-

ington Church Street N16 (0171-254) 6516) BR: Stoke Newington, Youight-9pm, £4, concs £3,

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(97.6-99.8MHz FM )

Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce.

12.00 John Inverdale, 2.00 Ed

Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker.

py Birthday Batman: Comedian Phili Jupitus celebrates the 60th

7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest

Bits. 8.00 Nigel Ogden. 9.00 Hap-

anniversary of the American comic

book character. See Pick of the Day. 10.00 The Directors. See Pick of

the Day. 10-30 Richard Allinson. 12-00 Katrina Leskanich. 3-00 -

12.00 Composer of the Week: Cop-

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

Belfast John Toal introduces a

recital of Viennese string quartets

given by the Hugo Wolf Quartet of

Vienna. Wolf: Italian Serenade. We-bern: Five Movements, Op 5.

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from

the Royal Concert Hail, the second

concert in a special week-long se-

ries from Glasgow. The Kronos

Quartet perform a series of pre-

Carlos Paredes, arr Goliov: Ro-

Responso, Aleksandra Vrebalov:

Panonia Boundless. Hyo Shin Na:

arr Golijov: Gloomy Sunday. Terry

Riley: Funebre en el monte diablo

(Requiem for Adam), Franchiz Ali-

Zadeh: Oasis. See Pick of the Day.

6.00 Redwood Curtain (1995) (38656).

12.00 The Directors (27120). 1.00 Holly-

wood Buzz (43168). 2.00 Redwood Curtain (1995) (58014). 4.00 Phinestone (1984)

(1052), **6.00** Little Girls in Protty Boxes (1997) (97101), **7.30** Robin Williams Face to

(1994) (109859). 11.45 The English Patient

7.00 Weekend Reunion (1990) (42830). 9.00 Dogmatic (1996) (45439). 11.00 Life,

Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness on the Planet of the Apes (1974) (70507). 1.00

Phenomenon (1996) (49255) 3.00 Dog-matic (1996) (56205) 5.00 Weekend Re-union (1990) (96762) 7.00 Phenomenon

(1996) (66410). 6.00 Before He Wakes (1997) (74052). 11.00 Bad Moon (1997)

(748656). 12.20 Reprisal (1997) (901618). 2.00 In the Bleak Michwinter (1996)

(813540). **3.40** Scene of the Crime (1995) (311837). **5.15** - **7.00** Life, Liberty and the

4.00 The House of Fear (1945) 4908588

5.30 Hollywood Hall of Fame (3958323).

10.00 100 Years., 100 Movies (7226471)

6.00 The Big Knife (1955) (1622217). 8.00 Five Graves to Cairo (1943) (1627762).

10.55 MASH (1970) (38994120), 12.50 O Lucky Man! (1973) (72994502), 3.45 ft Be

Seeing You (1844) (83949182). 5.10 Close.

**6.00** Vanya on 42nd Street (1994) (8015014), **8.00** Blue Sky (1994) (86065878), **9.40** Cold Feet (2054897).

10.00 Naked (1993) (90078894). 12.25

Detective (1985) (3856163), 2.05 Romper Stomper (1993) (9278811), 3.40 - 8.00

Dear Diary (1894) (44451144).

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Face (1526), **8.00** Conspiracy Theory (1997) (39448236), **10.15** Sweet Nothing

(1996) (B4276217). See Pick of the Day.

6.00 Directors (786927).

SKY MOVIEMAX

ADES (1974) (18910908).

SKY CINEMA

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**8.00** Finnestone (1984) (23217), 10.00 Little Girls in Pretty Boxes (1997) (24033).

Song of the Beggars. Rezso Seress,

mieres, introduced by Brian Morton.

mance No 1 Anibal Troilo, arr Golfiov:

2.00 The BBC Orchestras.

Brahms: String Quartet No 1 in C mi-

cert: Live from Broadcasting House,

4.00 Alex Lester.

(902-924MHz FM )

9.00 Masterworks.

11.00 Sound Stories.

10.30 Artist of the Week.

RADIO 3

6.00 On Air.

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### TUESDAY RADIO

6.30 Scott Mills. 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 PICK OF THE DAY Newsbeat. 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Steve Lamacq - the Evening Session, 10.00 Digital Update. 10.10 John Peel, 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00 Emma B. 4.00 (7.30pm R3): work from Philip - **6.30** Cive Warren. Glass and Terry Riley sits RADIO 2 alongside new arrangements 38-90.2MHz FM) of Hungarian gypsy music and 6.00 Sarah Kennedy, 7.30 Wake

Argentinian tangos. It's hard to celebrate 60 years of Batman without endorsing the global industry that the caped

8.30 Orient and Occident. Does the

border between Orient and Occident

West still believe in an East of its

own making? Or is the truth that in

contemporary music and arts the

8.50 Concert, part 2. Philip Glass:

9.40 Postscript. Alain de Botton

No 2 (not first performance).

New work. Schnittke: String Quartet

looks to some of the great thinkers of

the past in the hope of finding philo-

sophical cures for some everyday

employment, Alain de Botton turns

Conductor Charles Hazlewood, Si-

mon Haram (saxophone). Satie, orch

Debussy: Gymnopedies. Heath: Mo-

ormiere: Trois morceaux en forme de

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles

new play, 'The Four Alice Bakers', and talks to Pulitzer Prize-winning

author Larry McMurtry about his

American history.

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(924-946MHz FM )

9.30 Home Thoughts.

rak (R)

RADIO 4

new biography of Crazy Horse, one

of the most mythologised figures in

12.00 Composer of the Week; Dvo-

1.00 - 8.00 Through the Night.

6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Unreliable Evidence.

9.45 Serial: The Spirit Wrestlers.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

reviews the premiere of Fay Weldon's

ills. 2: From loss of hair to loss of

10.00 BBC Concert Orchestra.

roccan Fantasy. Satie, orch Des-

to Seneca for sage advice.

is finally fading away?

THERE ARE eight premieres in crusader has given rise to, the Krones Quartet's eclectic but Happy Birthday Batman programme for the Glaswegian (9pm R2), presented by Phill festival Performance on 3 Jupitus, gives a good history of this American institution.

> There's a welcome lack of grandeur, too, from Kenneth Branagh (right) in The Directors (10pm R2), although the stirring soundtrack contrives to make him sound superhuman. DOMINIC CAVENDISH

11.00 NEWS; Nature.

100 The World at One.

1.30 My Mistress Music. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

2.15 Afternoon Play: The Night

3.30 Sale of the Century. (R)

3.45 This Sceptred Isle.

6.00 Six O'Clock News

7.00 NEWS; The Archers.

4.30 Shoo Talk.

6.30 Mammon.

Leslie Wild (7/30).

House. (R) 3.00 NEWS; The Exchange: 0870

4.00 NEWS; The Learning Curve.

735 Front Row. Mark Lawson chairs

the arts programme.
7.45 The Cry of the Bittern. An envi-

rommental drama by Tim Jackson. With Lesley Carvello, Terry Molloy

and Rachel Atkins. Director Peter

8.00 NEWS; File on 4. After criti-

cism of the European Commission

for inefficiency and corruption, how

accountable are our MEPs? Richard

Brussels and asks whether the Euro-

Watson investigates lobbying in

pean Parliament requires enough

transparency from its members.

8.40 in Touch. Peter White with

news for visually impaired people.

9.00 NEWS; Behind the Brain. 'Do

Not Adjust Your Mind'. When we un-

derstand our minds, will this destroy

and what this means for machines of

our sense of self? Geoff Watts ex-

plores the nature of our existence

12.57 Weather.

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11.30 Coming Alive. 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.



9.30 Unreliable Evidence Citys Anderson cuts through the jargon to get to the heart of an issue which atfects anyone who uses the legal

10.00 The World Tonight, With Justin Webb. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Post Captain. Patrick Malahide reads Patrick O'Brien's novel of life and adventure in Nelson's Royal Navy. Mutiny off the French coast (7/10).

1L00 NEWS; Angus Deayton's History of Alternative Comedy. Angus Deayton is joined by Eddie Izzard. Jack Dee, Ricky Grover and Meera Sval to look at how alternative comedy has broken down barriers and paved the way for people who were once the butt of traditional jokes to become the next big thing. **11.30** Taking Pictures.

12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Book: Sam Peckinpah: "If It Moves., Kill "Em". 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

**RADIO 4 LW** (198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service, 12.00 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast, 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament.

**RADIO 5 LIVE** (693, 909kHz MW) 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra. 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Russell Fuller presents coverage of all the night's top football action. 10-00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson, Including 10.30 a full sports round-up, 11.00 News and finance. And between 11.30 and 1.00 a sharp and spirited

100 Up All Night 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM

ate-mont topical discussion.

(1000-1019MHz FM ) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests, 2.00 Concerto: Benda: Flute Concerto in E minor. Patrick Gallois, CPE Bach CO/Peter Schreier. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight, 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert: Music by Elgar. Introduction and Allegro London Chamber Orchestra/Christopher Warren-Green. Cello Concerto. Mischa Maisky, Philharmonia Orchestra/Giuseppe Sinopoli. Symphony No 2 in E flat. LSO/Daniel Barenboim. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths. VIRGIN RADIO

(1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz

6.30 Chris Evans, 9.30 Russ Williams. 100 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 6.45 London Calling with Harriet Scott/AM Pete and Ge off. 7.30 Pete and Geoff. 10,00 Mark Forrest. 100 Steve Power. 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen.

**WORLD SERVICE RADIO** (198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 On Screen, 1.45 Record News, 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Women Who Dared to Speak. 3.00 The World Today, 3.20 Sports Roundup. 3.30 World Business Report, 3.45 Insight, 4.00 - 7.00

**TALK RADIO** 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari, 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 1.00 Anna Raeburn, 3.00 Peter Deeley, 5.00 The SportZone. 7.00 Eubank's People. 8.00 James Whale. 100 - 6.00 lan Collins.

The World Today (4.00-7.00).

#### INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

#### CHESS

JON SPEELMAN

weekend and (as readers must be getting somewhat tired of hearing) the massive team of which I'm a member. Solingen, again won both our matches for a perfect 10/10: leaving us - with just one intervening match weekend in March - still in good shape for the last-round confrontation with the other

powerhouse. Porz from Hamburg.

in April. Only just back from Calcutta, 1 personally played rather poorly and made a loss and then a win. Matthew Sadler, though, had an excellent weekend, beating Stefan Kindermann on Saturday and then winning today's game against Julian Hodgson. Indeed, it had seemed likely that I too would be playing an English opponent on Sunday: Stuart Conquest. But in the absence of Demenhorst's board three, the Norwegian Simen Agdestein, Stuart played a board higher and won well

against Robert Hubner. My thanks to both players for showing me this game, and especially to Jules for not demurring when I suggested I should publish it. Just over a month ago, the two had met at the Four Nations Chess League (4NCL) and then Hodgson had played 3 ... Nc6, had got a rotten position but had then won. This was Sadler's revenge.

7 ... e6 8 Nc3 transposes directly to a line of the French Defence but Hodgson wanted to create some-

THE GERMAN Bundesliga met last thing different. However, 11 Bf2 was very strong since if 11 ...d4? 12 Nb5! wins it - though perhaps he could try 11 ... Be6!?

12 ...d4 lost far too much time. Instead of 18 Bh-i!? White could have gained a big advantage with the simple 18 Rad1 Qc7 19 Bc2 preventing queenside castling.

During the game Matthew thought that 18 ... 0-0!? was better when he intended 19 Nd6 Na5! (not 19 ...Bxh4 20 Nxb7 Qc7 21 Be4!) 20 Bxe7 Qxe7 21 Qh3 g6. But in fact 19 Nf6+!, which he thought only drew. wins after gxf6 (or 19 ... Bxf6 20 Bxf6 gxf6 21 Bxh7+ Kg7 22 Qg4+ Kh8 23 Radi Qe7 24 Rd3 Qc5+ 25 Rf2) 20 exf6! Bxf6 21 Qg4+ Kh8 22 Qh5 Qxd3 23 Bxf6+ Kg8 24 Rf3 Qg6 25 Rg3.

If 21 Rd7 Qe5+ 22 Nxc5 Bxc5+ gave some faint hope. At the end after 24 ...Re8 25 f51 Oxb5 26 fxe6 quickly blows Black away.

#### White: Matthew Sadler Black: Julian Hodgson

Pirc Defence 14 c3 dxc3 2 c4 Nf6 15 bxc3 Be7 3 f3 d5 16 0-0 bs 4 c5 Nfd7 17 Of3 Bb7 18 Bh4!" Na5" 5 f4 c5 6 Nf3 Nc6 19 Bb3+ Kf3 7 Bell exd4 20 Rad1 Qc7 8 Nxd4 Nxd4 21 Bxc7+! Qxc7 9 Bxd4 Nb8 22 Rd7 Bxe4 10 Nc3 Nc6 23 Qxe4 Qc5+ 11 Bf2! e6 24 RC 1-0

#### CREATIVITY

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UNLOVED, UNWANTED modern trolleys: to oegotiate Hampton inventions that blight our lives and appropriate punishments for their inventors.

Fast food restaurants: the punishmeot of Tantalus. TV chat sbows: a Trappist monastery; Gladiators: to be thrown to the lions (Annie Bissett). New Labour: banished to the back benches and have to sell their luxury bome - or has that happened already? (Duncan Bulb. Tower blocks: the arcbitects to be made to live in them (I Rice). Pneumatic drills: daily dentist visits. Spaghetti Junction: to live underneath. Virtual reality: to have

Bey Cross, a naturist, naturally hates clothes and so would punish theirs, forcing them to convert to naturism, thus ingeniously stemming the future supply of their products. Nicholas E Gough would give the inventor of the car a day out at a demolition derby; that of the TV, access to one channel, devoted to repeats of Eldorado, of bleepers, to be forced to carry one, without an off switch.

Parking meters: to be fitted with dials to show when their time is up. 5p pieces: to have their salary paid in their product. Unopenable packaging: to bave all their own purchases so wrapped (JR Gore) Mobile phones: (1) instantly to develop laryngitis whenever he picks one up (Clair Hubble); (2) dropped off a train in a tunnel, so be can call to say "Doo't know wbere I am and I'm not on my Court maze pushing a wheelbarrow full of water (Tom Gaunt),

The inventor of the Yo-Yo: to be strung up. And down again. And up again. And down again. The pager: to be bombarded with cryptic clues until he finally gets the message. Lycra: to be hoist by his own leotard tNigel Plevint. Biotech developers of genetically modified tomato purée: to be put in the stocks and pelted with their product. Still in its tins (Hugh Wansett).

The video-recorder: to be forced to watch other people's home videos. The computer: to be forced no real friends (Bruce Birchall). to play never-ending mindless games on one. Cosmetic surgery: to have to wait for years for hospfashion designers by burning Ital treatment with a painful condition. And clooers: to be imprisoned in a house made of mirrors, to reflect on the consequences (Mike Gifford). Traffic cooes: made to wear one permanently on his head (John O'Byrne).

After punishment, rewards. Tom Gaunt, John O'Byrne, Nigel Plevin win copies of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations for their inventions. Your challenge: appropriate misspellings of people's names. (Pinocchio for Pinochet.). Be rude. Be unkind. Be unflattering. But. above all, be irreverent. Write to Creativity: Features, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL or e-mail to Loki, Valhalla@btinternet.com by 4 March. Three prizes of Chnmbers to be announced on 9 March. Next week: New acrooyms for old. way" (John Pickin). Supermarket eg ITV=Inane, Trivial, Verbose.

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#### SATELLITE AND CABLE

#### PICK OF THE DAY

THE TRIUMPH OF Anthony Minghella's The English Patient (11.45pm Sky Premier) at the Oscars two years ago was a refreshing reminder that there is still a place in Hollywood for thought-provoking films. This version of Michael Oodaatje's novel cuts back and forth between different times in a manner that requires great concentration from the viewer. It also showcases wonderful

Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas as the couple who embark on a doomed affair just before the Secood World War. and from Juliette Binoche (right) as the ourse who later tends Fiennes after a borrific air crash.

"A Beast for Heroes", tonight's episode of Warhorse (7pm History Channel) examines the role of the horse in war since aucient Egyptian times.

JAMES RAMPTON



Treasure Hunters (6386304). 1.30 Wheel Nuts (3523415). 2.00 Close. SKY ONE

Jessy Raphael (1200). 10.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (76897). 11.00 Guilty! (56033), 12.00 Janny Jones (34410), 1.00 Mad about You (67149). 1.30 Jeopardy (21946). 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (34323) 3.00 Jenny Jones (56165). 4.00 Guityl (35675). 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager (5878). 6.00 America's Dumbest Criminals (805 6.30 Dream Team (9304), 7.00 The Simo sons (6507). 7.30 The Simpsons (5588). 8.00 Rescue Medics (5255), 8.30 Cop pers (4762). 6.00 World's Wildest Police Videos (56033). 10.00 Greece Uncovered (69120), **11.00** Dream Team (36304), **11.30** Star Trek (56269), **12.30** The Commish (50960). 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (7220786).

SKY SPORTS 1

19989). 1.00 Premier Snooker League (18110569), 3.15 Close.

(4970434). 100 NASCAR (7511637). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (855208ff), 3.45 Close. SKY SPORTS 3

Deen Outdoors (90445743), 1.30 Fish TV (87674965). 2.00 World of Golf (28130089). 3.00 The Golden Age of Racing A-Z of Motorsport (87717168), 3.30 World Motorsport (73500385). 7.00 Fish TV (87709149). 7.30 Fish TV Fishing Tales (87535743). 6.00 Premier Snooker League (92760578). 10.00 Superbouts (92748385). 11.00 The Entertainers (17036410), 11.30 Close. EUROSPORT

**7.30 Sking (67965). 8.30 Sking (20168). 6.00 Sking (20168). 10.30 Nordic Sking** (5611762). **11.15 Sking (682052). 11.45 Ski** ing (2914830), 12.30 Nordic Skiing (26120), 2.30 Alpine Skiing (67256), 3.30 Tennis (39743). **4.30** Skiing (43269). **5.30** Alpine Skiing (140149). **6.15** Football (544236). 7.00 Footbal (467323) 10.00 Boxing (84545). 11.00 Skiing (79156). 12.00 Motor Sport (19827). 12.30 Close.

7.00 Crossroads (9323014), 7.30 Neigh-bours (4553101), 7.55 EastEnders 39). 8.30 The Bill (8658052). 9.00 The Bill (3649304), 9.30 When the Boat Comes in (9767061). 10.30 Finoda (8645588), 1LOO Dalas (4611491), 1L55 Neighbours (78957014), 12-25 EastEnders (7224965), 1.00 Juliet Bravo (776110), 2.00 tas (5369526). 2.55 The Bill (5871743). 3.25 The BE (9264033), 3.55 EastEnders (8440694), 4.30 Phoda (315507), 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (4297588). 6.00 Dynasty (7666566), 7.00 The Cornedy Alternetive: 2point4 Children (3709168), 7.40

Dad's Army (7916410), 8.20 The Comedy Alternative: The Brittes Empire (640)217). 9.00 Red Dwarf V (81)0507). 9.40 Crime (72480168), 11.50 The Bit (1833656), 12.20 The Bill (4810231), 12.50 Black-Adder II (8186163). 1.25 French and Saunders 9056296) 2.00 Spender (7068453) 3.0 7.0 Shopping with Screenshop (6098960). LIVING

6.00 Tiny and Crew (37447439), 6.20

Johnson and Friends (83347410). 6.30

Greedysaurus and the Gang (12435897). 6.40 Tiny Tales (84875052). 6.45 Philbert the Frog (84874323). **6.50** Police Dot Shorts (84862588). **Z.00** Practical Parent-(8155472), 7.30 Callou (1503052), 7.35 Bug Alert (7309385), 7.55 Practical Parenting (4845304). **8.00** Barney and Friends (4855781), 8.25 Babaloos (1360101), 8.30 Callou (8648217). 8.35 Tiny and Crew 5904323), 8.50 Practical Parentino (7244762). 9.00 Can't Cook. Won't Cook (5682965), 9.30 The Roseanne Show -Highlights (3939304). 10.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5202168), 10.50 Maury Povich (7859120), 11.40 Brookside 8989439). 12.30 Animal Rescue (22125491), 12.40 Rescue 911 (96385830) 1.10 Special Bables (28990697), 1.40 Be-yond Belief (66086743), 2.10 LA Law 9181217). 3.10 Living Room (2274859). 4.00 Michael Cole (8285217), 4.50 Rolon-da (9186089), 5.40 Ready, Steady, Cook (5879694). 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show (3523439), **7.05** Rescue 911 (29462 7.35 Animai Rescue (2270830). 8.10 Maury Povich (4429743), 8,00 Films: Murder of the Rio Grands (1993) (1824675). 11.00 Sea Life Down Under (7587656), 12.00 Close.

9.00 Forbidden Planet (1956) (92750491). 11.00 The Haunting (1963) (70593435). 115 Shaft (1971) (89103434), 315 Forbidden Planet (1958) (42411908). 5.00 Close(). PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Jenny (3439), 7.30 Grace under Fire (6878), 6.00 Ellen (9659), 8.30 Newsradio (1694). 6-00 Drop the Dead Donkey (71491) 9.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? (22014). 10.00 Frasier (47089). 10.30 Cheers (4507). 11.00 Seinfeld (83236). 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show, (51014). 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (97366). 1.00 Taxi (41250). 1.30 The Critic (62231). 2.00 Dr Katz (92453), 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (71960), 3.00 Nightstand (38786), 3.30 Abbott & Costello (85540), 4.00 Close.

### REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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As BBC1 London except: 6.30
Newsline 6.30 (472), 10.15 Spotlight
(654,30.4), 10.45 Workers at War
(653,675): 11.15 Inside Story (255,033),
12.05 Crimewatch UK Update (2716,182),
12.15 Film: Blindsided (34,5502), 1.50
Lone BBC News (7706,288) Joins BBC News 24 (70963989).

BC1 SCOTLAND BBC1 SCOTLAND
As BBC1 London except: 12.30
Dotaman (3646240). 12.45 Dochsich
Mor (Cakey Doke) (28948507). 6.00
News (20). 6.30 Reporting Scotland;
Westiner (472). 11.45 Scottleh Questions
(14526). 12.30 Film: Blindsided (159927).
2.05 Joins BBC News 24 (54405989).

**BBC1 WALES** As BBC1 LONDON & SE except As BBC1 LONDON & SE excepts
6.30 Wales Today (472), 9.30 Week in
Week Out (83149), 10.00 The Next Files
(534149), 10.10 Crimewatch UK (22410),
10.55 Workers at War (33240), 11.25 Inside Story (898897), 12.15 Crimewatch UK
Update (2712386), 12.25 Film: Blindsided
(380782), 2.00 BBC News 24 (5823827).

ANGLIA As Cariton except: 12.20 Anglia News and Weather (8154675). 1.03 Shortland Street (9522678). 1.35 Home and Away (25422385). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5407946), 3.20 Anglia News and Weather (7000651), 6.00 Anglia News (588), 6.30 About Anglia (168), 7.30 Liza's Country (192), 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (139304), 11.40 Go Fishing with John Wilson (923965), 12.40 Hope and Gloria (6610144), 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5215811), 1.40 High-lander (8069366), 2.30 Wish You Wers Here...? (79569), 3.00 Dead Man's Tales (80952908), 4.20 Coach (39175637), 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (1904811).

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HTV WALES

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1.30 Home and Away (80052), 2.00 The
Jerry Springer Show (5407946), 3.20

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Practice (984:5675), 6.00 Home and Away (248304), 6.25 Weles Tonight (185472), 7.30 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (182), 10.30 HTV News (139304), 11.40 Anatomy of Disaster (288491), 12.40 The Heuntad Fishtank (52:5611), 1.10 High-lander (8089365), 2.30 Wish You Were Here...? (79569), 3.00 Dead Men's Tales (80852908), 4.20 Coach (39175637), 4.45 ITV Notinscreen (1304811) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (1304811).

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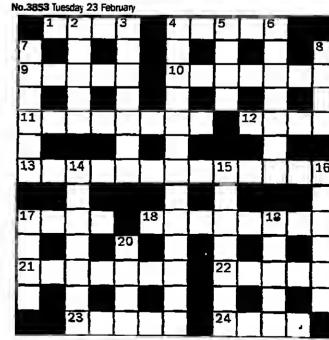
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(290526). 5.55 Calendar (850149). 6.30
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(192). **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (199304). **4.20** Jobfinder (4750255). TYNE TEES

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Street (38790149), 1,00 Planed Plant
(34758255), 1,30 The Three Stooges
(27370033), 1,50 Film: Mr Denning Drives North\* (38202043), 4,30 Ricks Lake
(81695052), 5,00 Planed Plant: Uned 5
(64177743), 5,30 Countdown (81687304),
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#### CONCISE CROSSWORD



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19 Run off together (5) 20 Airborne fighter (4)

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4.00 Fishing Adventures (3153965), 4.30 Walker's World (3159149), 5.00 Wheel Nuts (4209323), **5.30** Treesure Hunters (3133101), **6.00** Wildlife SOS (3130014). 6.30 Predators (8968762), 7.30 The Ele-gant Solution (3150878), 8.00 Great Escapes (4205507), 8.30 Out There (4284014), 9.00 Traiblazers (6855781). 10.00 Spell of the North (6865168). 11.00 Shark Pod (9330304). 12.00 Everperformances, particularly from

7.00 Count Duckula (68878), 7.30 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (14859). 8.30 Hollywood Squares (86385). 9.00 Sally

7.00 Sky Sports Centre (3014656). 745 V-Mex (581859). 7.45 Totalsport (573830). 845 You're on Sky Sports (2903946). 6.00 Racing News (19052), 9.30 Aerobics - Oz Style (33120), 10.00 Football League Review (16439). **11.00** Triathlon: 1996 World Cup - Auckland (96675). **12.00** Aerobics -Oz Style (97548), 12.30 V-Max (44236), 1.00 Ford Monday Night Special (39101), 2.30 Spanish Football Celta Vigo vs Barcelona (54830), 4-30 Totalsport (7507). 5-90 World Wresting Federation Live Wire

(4168). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (8472). 6.30 Inside Scottish Football (57878). 7.30 Festrax (8236). 8.00 Greyhound Racin(98385). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (792101). 10.15 You're on Sky Sports 932401, 11.00 Inside Scottish Footbell (17168). 12.00 Sky Sports Centre (7292250). 12:15 You're on Sky Sports (75705), 6-00 Sky Sports Centre

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UK GOLD 12.00 - World Wrestling Federation Livewire (87654101). 1.00 Fish TV - Tony

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1.20 Joins 6BC News 24 (56987540).

PROFILE OF THE DAY

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CLOSE UP: WHO DOES JULIE BURCHILL THINK 6HE IS? (930pm BBC2, right) Julie Burchill has until oow resisted the lure of TV – and, laudable as that is, you can see why. The ludicrous and oft-remarked-on dichotomy between her hardbolled prose and high-plitched Bristolian burr is rether shocking. Simon Chu'e film visits her in Brighton and traces the well-worn path of Burchill's soft-mythologised career – from the NME to the Mail on Sunday, via The Groucho Club, Tony Parsons,

trom available

BBC2

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Heartbrack High. More from the Sydney schoolkids. Dennie decides to revemp his image, while Thanks and Anita go looking for older men (S) (T) (835885).

7.30 From the Edge. Looking at the creativity of partially signted people in light of the RA's exhibition of the works of Claude Monet, who wee also visually impaired (S) (T) (526).

B.30 Rick Stein's Seefood Odyssey. T America, where he celches up with an fries eof-shell crebe (5) (7694).

BIDING Close Up: Who Does Julia Surchill Think She is? Columnist Julia Burchill finally iste the cameras into her life. See Profile of the Day, balos (S) (T) (817994).

Coming Cleen (S) (T) (184439).

11.10 Seinfald. Kremer designe a bra for men (S) (881491).

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Fresh Prince of Bel Air (R) (S) (T) (25/878).

7.40 The O Zone. Manic Straet Preschere are in for a chair And are Johnson the future of Britpop? (275878).

6.00 University Chellenge. The Universities of Glesgow and Durham compete for a place in the quarter-finels (S) (T) (5859).

00 News| Weether (1) (74526)

1.30 London Tonight (T) (139304).

40 The World at Their Faet. John Pipar's film provides an update on some of the young eccer hopefuls filmed taet year as they graduated from the FA School of Excellence. Two of the group – Leads United's Alen Smith and Everton's Frencis Jeffers – are already part of the Framiership. But what about the others? (S) (125168).

40 Newe; Weether (T) (913985).

3.00 London Tonight. Regional news update for the capitat and the South-East (T) (588).

**Good Stuff.** Rowland Rivron and Wendy Douglas euggest some ideas for the coming weekend (B) (168).

Emmardela. Marion takee up Lyn's striptaase challenge, while Kelly and Scott are etil at it (S) (T) (6985).

4.30 First Edition. Linda Robson narretes this documentary about prisoners' wives. One is married to a psreisient offender, while another is convinced of her

The Bitl. in "Under Dursee", Boulton and Rawton clash when a house lire reveals a sordid ascret (T) (4694).

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sar Ted. The arrivel of a reballious young priest cides with the fheft of a whiatle owned by Mr son, the officious picnic-area supervisor (A) (72188).

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Trisha (S) (T) (5089507). 10.30 This Morning (T) (56704472). 12.20 Your Shout (8154675). 12.30 News; Weather (T) (91781). 1.00 London Today (T) (21323). 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (1258238). 2.15 Home and Away (S) (T) (778323). 2.46 Dale's Supermarket Sweap (S) (T) (777684).

.26 Children's ITV: Mopatop's Shop (4755584), 3.36 Rosie and Jim (S) (3760217). 3.50 The Womblas (S) (2627875). 4.00 Rupert (R) (8828507). 4.25 Mike and Angalo (S) (T) (3843743). 4.50 How II (S) (T) (7237656)

5.10 Homa end Away (S) (T) (9845675).

7.00 Chennel 4 News| Weather (1) (508323)

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11.10 Journeys Into the Outside with Jsrvis Cocker. The lanky popeinger reachee America in his search for unusual erchitecture (T) (992052).

**B:0193** Indochine (Régis Wergnisr 1992 Fr). Lust, romance and political intrigue in 1930s French Indo-Chins. See *Film of the Day*, below (S) (T) (87160502).

12.26 Live and Dange Dangerous (continu

:15 ITN Newa Headlines (T) (1892588), 3.20 London Today (T) (7000851).

Dishes. Kate Thornton and Danny Brown introduce the game show that mixee cookery and romance (T) (830).

Homa Improvement. US sitoom about a DIY enthusiast. After years of being the peacemaker among her sletters. Jil thatly snaps (S) (T) (410).

Brookside. Namh blames Alec for her literacy problem but will his guilt drive him to help Joey? (T) (3255).

Cleselo Srittish Cers. Royal chauffeur Joe Laft presents an exclusive tour of the Queen's 1948 Ross Royce Phantom IV (2782).

DO The Coroner. More real-life stories from Birmingham City's coroner's office (you may want to have finished your supper before you start viewing). The cadevers this weak include that of a 35-year-old man who was hit by a train, and a long-buried body which is dug up by workmen. Also, when a young student is knocked off his bicycle and killed, the issue of organ donation is relsed (T) (2472).

10.30 [H:D][H] Quear es Folk. New drama series following the lives of three men in Manchastar's "gay village". See Drame of the Day, below (S) (T) (516748).

3.00 The Hunger Artist (88231). 3.50 Des Hommss dse Bas (68631705). To 4am.

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6.00 Sesama Street (40781). 7.00 The Big Bree (26878).

6.00 6chools: Sc Papers Sald (\* **6chools:** Science in Focus (4470149), **9,20** What the Papers Sald (6724675), **9,30** Eurekel (1551678), **9,45** Stop, Look, Listen (1549033), **10,00** The Number Grew (508574), **10,10** TVM (9708526), **10,25** How We Used to Live (9789033), **10,45** Worlds of Faith (256740), **11,00** First Edition VI (8824743), **11,16** Stage One (8847894),

00 5 News end Bport (S) (6103014). 7.00 WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (6578255). 7.30 Milkshakei (S) (8042269). 7.36 Wirnzle's House (R) (3723781). 6.00 Havakezoo (R) (S) (4506255). 6.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (S) (450526). 6.00 Instent Gardena (R) (S) (T) (1286762). 9.25 Russell Grent's Postcards (7923033). 9.30 The Oprah Wirn'rey Show (6676217). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (4676410). 11.10 Leeza (S) (4085033). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (4576014). 12.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (9528588). 1.30 The Boid and the Beautiful (S) (T) (9528588). 1.30 The Rossanne Show (S) (9527859). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (5773586). 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (1326168).

Powerhouse (1491). 12.00 Seseme Strast (T) (71439). 12.30 Sewitched (R) (S) (T) (98323). 1.00 Pet Rescue (S) (T) (29865). 1.30 The Three Stooges (R) (47531385).

1.40 1111 Yellow Sky (William A Wellman 1948 US).

Exciting and almospherio western starring Gregory Peck as the leader of a gang of outlaws (including the very scary Richard Wildmerk). They hole up in a Death Valley ghost town inhabited by gold prospector James Barton and his grand-daughter Anne Baxter (T) (25998304).

Collectora' Lot (T) (948), 4,00 Filtesn to Ons (T) (781), 4,30 Countdown (T) (5507014), 4,85 Ricki Lake (T) (3181217), 5,30 Pet Rescue (T) (217). 5.20 Bunset Beach. The nonsense concerning Emily's emerald continues (S) (T) (729(851). EIILLE Crash: the Mystery of Flight 1801 (Phip Saville 1890 US). Average chama about the wife (Cheryl Ladd) of a pilot who etruggles to exonerate her husband of blame for a plane crash. The airline tryolyad is naturally keen to name pilot error as the cause (\$303830).

6,00 100 Per Cent. "The game show without a host". How clever (5) (6923033).

6.30 Family Affaire. Yasmin agrees to come home – but only on her own terms. And Gabby end Declan are eager to meet Clives new man (S) (T) (6914385).

7.00 5 News, including First on Fiva. Ambulatory news service with Kirsty Young (S) (T) (5777304).

Champions of Nature. Widite documentary about the work of Paul Spong, who has spent more then three years researching and studying killer whates (S) (T) (6943897).

ra**ne Report.** Report on those who supply guns to stain's oriminal underworld. Plus, the war between rival otoroyole gangs (5785052).

00'6 6.30 Mobile Madness - What's the Story? Flame-halred investigative reporter Vanesse Colingridge looks at the health risks incurred by Jabbering on mobile

Carr/US). Banal cyberpunk thriller atarring Keanu Reek (se in, whatever happened to?) es a futuristic courier who has some haavy-duty information loaded in a computer chip in his brain. Can he download the data for friendy forces before he's ceptured by an evil for friendy forces before he's ceptured by an evil for friendy forces.

10.50 Two. Booth trise to kidnap Carter, followers of this imported thriller series may be interested to learn (S) (8824236).

11.45 Tha Jack Docherty Bhow (S) (7498439)

Live and Dangerous (S) (9927927), 1.05 Live and Dangerous (continued) (S) (43371095), 3.45 Asian Football Show (S) (3960705), 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3305827), 5.30 100 Per Cent (9568144), To 6am. TELEVISION GUIDE BY GERARD GILBERT





INOOCHINE (12:5am C4, right) "Contains violence, swearing, sex scenss, drug abuse and nudlty", states the Radio Times in its usual helpful manner. No, it's not tailding about Queer as Folk (see left), atthough it inight as well have been, but about Régis Wargnier's 1901 Oscar-winning inclodrams. The extraordinary Catherine Dencuve plays a rubber plantation bass in 1930s French Indo-China (as Victnam, Cambodia and Laos were called at the time) who becomes involved with the same dashing nevel officer (Vincent Perez) as her adopted daughter. High soop opera against a

QUEER AS FOLK (10:30pm C4, right) There is an uncompromising start to Russell T Davies's new eight-part drama about the lives and loves of three homosexual men in Manchester's "gay village". It begins with a 29-year-old man picking up a 15-year-old boy (the gay sex scenas are certainly the most graphic yet shown on mainstream TV) before he dashes oil to see the leeblan mother of the newborn beby

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